N.C.C.M. And N.C.C.W.! Be Big Brothers And Sisters

MOST REV. JOHN F. NOLL, D.D.

You probably read the report emanating from the Children's Bureau, Washington, D.C., on juvenile delinquency. The Bureau Chief reports that courts handled 10% more cases in 1952 than in the previous year, and 29% more than in 1948.

The head of this Bureau, Dr. Martha M. Eliot, estimated that 385,000 youngsters between ten and seventeen, were hailed into court last year on delinquency charges. Of course most offenders escape the notice of the Court.

All this is in keeping with what J. Edgar Hoover has reported on several occasions, namely, that three or four children in every classroom of our nation will later be behind prison bars.

Now there is no reason why a Catholic child, a child of God and reared in a school of Christ, should ever be delinquent if parents did their duty. But if statistics were kept in relation to the religion of the offending delinquents, it would probably be disclosed that Catholics would not have a too much better record to brag about (1) because the one who knows better and still does wrong offends God much more grievously, and that wilful offense is punished by the withdrawal of grace, and (2) because the discipline of the home does not harmonize with the discipline followed in the Catholic school.

Where parents have no opportunity to send their children to a parochial school because of its absence in their Community, God requires them to take the place of priests and religious teachers and to rear the child considerably better than the average non-Catholic parent rears his. Parents who live in such communities must see to it that good Catholic instruction comes into the home and that it is read.

We have often noted that those who read the instructive articles in **Our Sunday Visitor** with regularity will not only learn the answers to practically all questions asked by non-Catholics, but also will be stimulated to live a supernatural life. There is no delinquency among people given to supernatural living — the only kind of living which can sanctify people and prepare them for a happy life in another and far better world.

There is nothing more true than that child delinquency is traceable to parental delinquency. The average parent simply does not do his duty to the child along religious, spiritual and moral lines.

We were shocked, as even most others must have been, when we learned that two cities in Indiana lead the nation in child delinquency. They are Terre Haute and Gary, Indiana.

The city of Gary has not a Catholic high school, but we hope it will not be long until one will be a reality.

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Red Persecution Called 'Bitterest In History'

Catholics Will Contribute To Shrine Dec. 6

Washington —(NC)— The main collection for the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be taken up in most dioceses in the United States on Sunday, December 6.

Under the direction of a committee composed of the four American Cardinals and 11 other Archbishops and Bishops, Catholics will seek to raise $8,000,000 for the great national church honoring the Mother of God. It will be one of the ten greatest religious edifices in the world.

The appeal will also serve as a prelude to this country's observance of the special Marian Year just proclaimed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII. The Marian Year extends from December 8, 1953 to December 8, 1954.

Catholic school children of the United States have been engaged in their own collection for the National Shrine since November 2, and will continue their efforts until December 6. Parochial school pupils have an enviable record for generosity to worthy causes, notably the relief collections sponsored by the American Bishops. (See picture and article page 1, religious section).

CARDINALS GREET PRESIDENT — Three Cardinals and the Apostolic Delegate welcomed President Eisenhower to the campus of Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., where the President received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Left to right: Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit; Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago; the President; James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles; and Archbishop Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, was not present because of the death of a close friend in his archdiocese.

U.S. Bishops Say Prayer For Victims Is A Solemn Duty

Washington — (NC) — America's Bishops declared that the Church is suffering "the bitterest, the bloodiest persecution in all history" in every land "now shrouded in the gloom of communism."

In a statement issued at their annual meeting, the Bishops stated that the crisis of today is first of all a crisis of religion, that both the long and the short range goal of the communist is the destruction of Christianity. "It is a war against all who believe in God and His Christ, against all who dare to claim for man the liberty of the sons of God;" they said.

Paying tribute to the persecuted Bishops, priests, religious and faithful, the Bishops declared: "How few there are who know that millions of Catholics have already died that the rest of us might live! Here is a story of epic nobility, of unsurpassed human grandeur, of deathless spiritual devotion."

To their own priests and people in the United States, the Bishops proclaimed "the solemn duty of instant and constant prayer for our suffering brethren of the Church of Silence."

'Peter In Chains'

"Peter is again in chains," they said. "Let there then be supplication to God and penance that His grace be poured out in superabundant measure to strengthen those who hold the place of honor

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Bishop Pursley's Fall Schedule

Nov. 29 — Confirmation, Precious Blood, Fort Wayne (afternoon).

Nov. 29 — Confirmation, St. Jude's, Fort Wayne (evening).

Nov. 30 — Confirmation, St. Vincent's, Academie.

Dec. 1 — Confirmation, Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne.

Dec. 6 — Communion Breakfast, Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne.

Dec. 6 — Hammond Curia, Legion of Mary.

Indulgences For Marian Year Announced By The Vatican

Vatican City —(Radio, NC)— Catholics will be given extensive opportunities to gain special plenary and partial indulgences during the coming Marian Year, according to an announcement here.

The announcement was in the form of a decree issued by the Sacred Penitentiary, one of the three Vatican tribunals, under the authority of His Holiness Pope Pius XII. The decree, published in **Osservatore Romano**, Vatican City newspaper, set forth in detail the conditions under which the indulgences may be obtained.

A plenary indulgence may be gained by the faithful, the decree stated, on the opening day of the Marian Year, December 8, 1953, and on the closing date, December 8, 1954. Besides the always usual conditions — confession, Communion and prayers for the Pope's intentions—they must visit and pray devoutly at a church built in honor of the Virgin Mary, or, if in mission lands, in a Church or chapel dedicated to the Mother of God.

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It was to commemorate the centenary of the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception dogma by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854, that Pope Pius XII decreed the observance of the Marian Year. It was announced in the encyclical, "Fulgens Corona" (Shining Crown), dated September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A plenary indulgence, the new decree stated, may also be gained, on the same conditions, on Christmas Day, the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary on February 2, the Feast of the Assumption on August 15, and the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin on September 15.

The plenary indulgence on the opening and closing days of the Marian Year, and on the other specified feast days, may be gained as often as a visit is made to a Marian church and prayers are said for the Pope's intentions.

In addition, the decree specified, the faithful may gain a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions:

—On all Saturdays of the year.

—Every time they take part in a pilgrimage to a Marian shrine.

—Every time they devoutly assist at a function in honor of the Virgin and have fulfilled the usual conditions. The decree said that persons who assist at such pious acts but have not fulfilled the conditions for a plenary indulgence may gain a partial indulgence of ten years, provided they are of contrite heart.

According to the decree, all

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U.S. Bishops' Statement On Dignity Of Man

Washington —(NC)— The American Catholic Bishops have warned that modern society has stripped man of his human dignity and come to regard him as if he "were only a thing." They affirmed that the source of man's intrinsic dignity is his nature as a creature of God.

In a statement issued at the end of their annual meeting, the Bishops declared that "conscious of the growing depersonalization of man," they "reaffirm man's essential dignity and reassert the rights which flow from it."

They said man's dignity must be rediscovered and reflected in actual life, or civilization will be threatened with destruction by forces it has created but failed to control. (See full text, page 1, religious section).

South Bend Parish Marks Centenary

South Bend—South Bend's oldest Catholic parish, St. Joseph's commemorated its centenary Sunday with a solemn Mass of thanksgiving.

The centennial program included a historical pageant depicting the history of the parish which the pupils of St. Joseph's parochial school later presented in the school auditorium.

Assisting at the Mass of thanksgiving were two members of the parish who have been ordained to the priesthood, Rev. Dean O'Donnell, C.S.C., of Notre Dame, and Rev. Cornelius Bergan, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Hammond.

They were deans to the celebrant, Rev. James C. Healy, C.S.C., pastor of St. Joseph's.

Other anniversary events were a solemn Mass for the school children Monday and a solemn requiem Mass which was offered for the deceased priests and parishioners of St. Joseph's Tuesday. The Mass will be followed by the regular Tuesday novena services.

A special religious service in observance of the centenary was held Tuesday, when the parish Altar and Holy Name Societies assisted at the service to be held in conjunction with the regular novena to Our Lady of Sorrows.

The centenary will conclude with a solemn novena of thanksgiving which will begin November 29 and will conclude on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. This novena, combined with a retreat for the school children, will be conducted by Rev. James V. Lowery, C.S.C., of North Dartmouth, Mass.

A history of the parish has been written for the centennial by Rev. Edmond V. Campers, C.S.C., a former assistant at St. Joseph, and a copy will be made available to each family of the parish.

Named In Will

Fort Wayne — The Very Rev. Msgr. John Bapst, pastor of St. Peter's Church, has been named one of the beneficiaries of the estate of Mary B. Porter, who died November 12. The estate, valued at $6,000, was admitted to probate in Superior Court No. 2.

Beneficiary In Estate

Fort Wayne — The pastor of Queen of Angels Church was listed as one of the beneficiaries of the estate of Charles M. Landstoffer, who died Nov. 5. The estate valued at $1,500 was admitted to probate in Superior Court No. 2 last week.

Father Miller Stresses '3 Ls' Of Education

By REV. H. J. MILLER

Reprinted From Hammond Times

We should regard deeply an education for eternity. This looks at life in its totality of time and eternity.

The goal in life is not our choice. Our goal is set for us by Him Who gave us our life. It is for each of us to have his immortal soul for eternity. Ahead of the Three Rs there are the Three Ls of light, life and love.

Light—Jesus starts us into human function with the words, "I am the LIGHT of the World. He that followeth Me walketh not in darkness—but shall have the light of life." This Light is divine faith. In it we have a share in the Wisdom of God. "Walk whilst you have the light, that the darkness overtake you not."

Life—God as man's TEACHER says, "I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." By this life is meant the grace of God. This provides us with admission to God's friendship and merit for our actions.

With friendship by grace of God to man comes love of man for God—"If any man love Me he will keep My word—and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him."

Human schooling in the Three Rs can lead us through a calendar of years upon earth. The grave however is the toll bridge overseas to eternity, and safe landing ticket through eternity is purchased on earth at the religious ticket window and the reaching ticket is purchased by coin of light of Faith—life of Grace—and love of man for God.

Jesus is the Great educator unto Eternity. He sends out His apostles to teach all nations to do what Jesus has commanded. Its teaching staff of apostles continues in their apostolic successors. His education so continues. "I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world."

Education must go beyond the three Rs unto the three Ls of light—life—and love, directed to God.

You need the religious schools of the three Ls to obtain the graveside diploma of "Come thou good and faithful servant, and receive ye the kingdom which has been prepared for you from the foundations of the world."

CORNERSTONE LAID FOR FORT WAYNE CHURCH—The Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, Auxiliary Bishop of the Fort Wayne Diocese, officiated at the laying and blessing of the cornerstone at St. John the Baptist Church now under construction. At center of the picture is the Rev. Victor J. Ranly, C.PP.S., who was master-of-ceremonies. Jude DeWald, an altar boy, is at left. Others participating in the ceremonies held last Sunday afternoon were the Rev. James J. O'Connor, chanter; the Rev. Thomas Durkin, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, deacon, and the Rev. Robert Zahn, pastor of Church of the Little Flower, Waynedale, subdeacon. — Fort Wayne News-Sentinel photo.

U.S. Catholics' Generosity Enabled WRS—NCWC To Operate $32 Million World Relief Program

Washington —(NC)— Generosity of American Catholics during the last year enabled War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference to put into motion a program of aid for refugees and others in need in all parts of the world which eventually reached a total value of $32,198,813.

This disclosure was made by the trustees of the American Hierarchy's relief agency, now in its tenth year of operations, in an annual report to the nation's Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops, holding their annual meeting here.

Principal Sources

Principal sources for carrying out the vast relief program, the report stated, were contributions made by American Catholics to the annual Laetare Sunday campaign of the Bishops' Fund for Victims of War and to the annual Thanksgiving clothing campaign, in addition to surplus supplies made available by the U. S. government.

"The basic contribution of the Bishops' Committee made it possible to command millions of dollars in outside support from governmental and inter-governmental agencies, as well as the Ford Foundation, to process and ship to areas of greatest need over $14-million worth of contributed clothing and more than $12-million worth of surplus food which was made available by the U. S. Government," the report asserted.

As a result of these operations, the report said that "the Bishops' Fund dollar was veritably multiplied many times."

105 Million Pounds

The report said that during the year 105,378,987 pounds of relief materials, with a total value of $28,801,260, were forwarded to the different war-affected countries throughout the world and were distributed on the basis of need without regard to race, religion or color. The report added that the 1953 operations brought the total amount of relief extended by WRS—N.C.W.C. in its ten years of operations to 556,224,841 pounds of materials with a total value of $212,364,319.

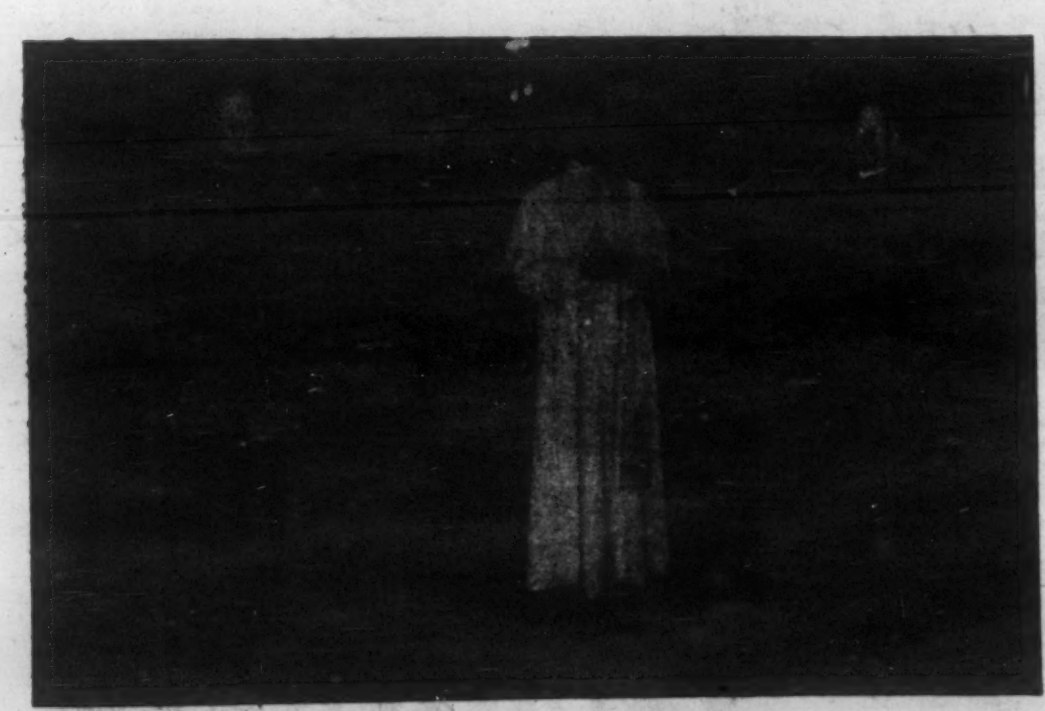
Looking forward to the coming year's operations, the report anticipated that the success of the 1953 Thanksgiving clothing campaign, being conducted this week across the nation, will enable the agency "to forward huge supplies of clothing, bedding and blankets that literally will help save lives" among the millions of refugees in western Europe, the Middle East, India, Pakistan, Hong Kong, Formosa and Korea.

In the field of resettlement, the report expressed the hope that "full advantage of the immigration opportunities" will be taken under the 1953 Refugee Relief Act, which will enable 214,000 refugees, expellees and escapees to come to the United States within the three-year period ending December 31, 1956. The report said that the WRS-N.C.W.C. budget submitted to the Bishops' Committee made "provision for the necessary increase in staff in both the United States and overseas that will be required if full advantage of the immigration opportunities is to be taken under this new law."

Difficult Position

Six principal factors making the Church's position a difficult one were listed in the report.

1. Intensification of communist pressure against the Church in eastern Europe, the Soviet zone of Germany and in the Far East.



AUDIENCE WITH HOLY FATHER — When the Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, Auxiliary Bishop of Fort Wayne, made the "ad limina" visit to Rome for Archbishop Noll, he attended an audience with the Holy Father in Castel Gandolfo. Pictured left to right: Bishop Francis Zauner, Linz, Austria; Bishop Pursley, the Holy Father, Archbishop Robert Lucey, San Antonio; Bishop Richard Gerow, Natchez, Miss. While abroad, Bishop Pursley visited England, France, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

Output Of Religious Christmas Cards Doubled In Last 5 Years

Cincinnati — (NC) — One of the nation's leading card manufacturers has reported that religious Christmas cards came close to one-fifth of its total card output for this year.

The Gibson Art Company of Cincinnati, said 18 per cent of its Christmas cards this year are religious in theme. Last year the ratio was fourteen per cent.

William C. Dresmann, company vice president, predicted a "continued increase" of religious Christmas cards in the coming years and pointed out that only five years ago the company's religious card output was only about 10 per cent of the total.

A member of St. Theresa's parish here, Mr. Dresmann said the company stands behind the "put Christ back in Christmas" promotion campaign and is supporting the movement with a full-page color advertisement in Life magazine this month. He said the ad features a picture of a stained glass window with the Infant Jesus, the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph and the three Kings adoring Him.

Mr. Dresmann said that the greeting card industry's national association has taken a strong stand against "risque" or otherwise indecent cards, and that violations by publishers call for a heavy fine by the association.

Behind The Footlights

Philharmonic, Civic Theatre Join Efforts For 'Amahl'

By WILLIAM THESPIAN

One of the most outstanding cultural events in the history of Fort Wayne will take place the afternoon and evening of December 15. That's the date for the presentation by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic of Gian-Carlo Menotti's magnificent Christmas opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

This will be the first complete opera to be staged in the city of Fort Wayne. That's one of the reasons why this will be an outstanding cultural event. Another is the fact that for the first time, the leading cultural forces in the vicinity of Fort Wayne will be working together.

The Fort Wayne Civic Theatre will be in complete charge of the staging of the opera. Director Theadore Siser will be in charge of the production; the Civic's technical director, David Locklin will be responsible for the scenery for "Amahl" and Don Junk, who designed all the costumes for the Civic's wonderful production of "Midsummer Night's Dream," will have the same assignment for the opera presentation.

Coupled with this, the Philharmonic will have the talent and brilliant dancing ability of John Neff, the masterful Puck of "Midsummer Night's Dream." Mr. Neff will do the peasants' dance in the opera and also handle the choreography for the presentation.

This joint effort by the Philharmonic and the Civic Theatre should provide "Amahl and the Night Visitors" with a production of which the composer can be rightly proud.

Gian-Carlo Menotti's brilliant one-act opera is rapidly becoming an American classic. The first opera commissioned especially for television, it was given its world premiere by the NBC Television Theater on Christmas Eve, 1951.

The RCA-Victor recording of the work, with the original cast of the NBC Telegision production, carries a very interesting brochure in which Mr. Menotti discusses "The Genesis of 'Amahl.'"

"This is an opera for children," Mr. Menotti states, "because it tries to recapture my own childhood. You see, when I was a child I lived in Italy, and in Italy we have no Santa Claus. I suppose that Santa Claus is much too busy with American children to be able to handle Italian children as well. Our gifts were brought to us by the Three Kings, instead."

Mr. Menotti goes on to explain how he and his brother tried to keep awake on Christmas Eve to catch a glimpse of the Royal Visitors but to no avail. He remembers hearing the weird cadence of their song as they approached, the sound of the camel's hooves and the tinkling of their silver bridles.

"To these Three Kings," he writes, "I mainly owe the happy Christmas seasons of my childhood and I should have remained very grateful to them. Instead, I came to America and soon forgot all about them, for here at Christmas time one sees so many Santa Clauses scattered all over town."

Then, in 1951, Mr. Menotti found himself in serious difficulty. He was commissioned by the National Broadcasting Company to write an opera for television. Christmas was the deadline and he didn't have one idea in his head.

"One November afternoon as I was walking rather gloomily through the rooms of the Metropolitan Museum, I chanced to stop in front of the Adoration of the Kings by Hieronymus Bosh, and as I was looking at it, suddenly I heard again, coming from the distant hills, the weird song of the Three Kings. I then realized they had come back to me and had brought me a gift."

Now that the work has been completed, Mr. Menotti is often asked about writing an opera for television and the specific problems involved. When writing it he hardly thought of television. All of his operas were composed with the "ideal theatre" in mind which he thinks has no equivalent in reality.

To Mr. Menotti, the stage still comes the closest to the "ideal theatre," because "its greater use of symbolism, imposed by its own limitations, demands of the audience a wider range of imagination and deeper poetic sense."

About movies, television, and radio, Mr. Menotti has this stringent comment:

"To me, cinema, television, and radio seem rather pale substitutes for the magic of the stage . . . The spectator who takes no journey and has no appointed time or seat but, carelessly clad, sits casually on the first available chair in his living room, and who, knitting or perhaps playing with the kitten, 'turns on' what he takes to be a theatrical performance, will never know the emotion of a real theatrical experience. The theatre must be a choice—a carefully made appointment."

He cautions that he is not trying to discourage listening to opera on recordings. "Although you may enjoy listening to their voices through a speaker, if you are to know them well, I still recommend that you should spend an evening with them at the theatre."

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic is offering that opportunity to meet Mr. Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors." But your choice—your "carefully made appointment" must be made now.

There will be two performances of the opera on December 15. The evening performance, which begins at 8:30 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Auditorium will be open to season ticket holders only. It will be coupled with a presentation of Menotti's little curtain-raiser, "The Telephone." Some season tickets still remain; those interested should contact the Philharmonic at once.

At 3:30 p.m. on December 15, a children's matinee performance of "Amahl" will be presented in the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Tickets for this performance are being sold on an individual basis and are 50c for young people and $2.00 for adults. They may be ordered by mail and checks should be made payable to the Fort Wayne Musical Society, Inc. Address your orders to "Amahl and the Night Visitors," Fort Wayne Musical Society, 201 West Jefferson Street, Fort Wayne.

Indulgences Set

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Bishops are given the faculty of imparting the Papal Blessing, with the plenary indulgence usually connected with it, for those who have met the required conditions, at the conclusion of Pontifical Mass on the opening and closing days of the Marian Year.

It stated that during the Marian Year all altars dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be privileged in favor of every deceased Christian for whom Mass is offered by any priest whatever. (A privileged altar is one at which a plenary indulgence may be gained for a soul in Purgatory by the celebration and application of a Mass).

The decree declared that, in addition to the other circumstances listed, special plenary indulgences also may be gained during the Marian Year by visiting any sanctuary in which the Virgin Mary is venerated with a singular piety and where the faithful customarily go on pilgrimage in large numbers even from a considerable distance.

Under the terms of the decree, the faithful may gain a plenary indulgence on every visit to such shrines, not only on Saturdays and the various feast days mentioned in the decree, but on any other day of the Marian Year, provided they have fulfilled the normal conditions.

Ruth Hussey To Star On 'Hour Of St. Francis'

Fort Wayne — Ruth Hussey has stirred the hearts of millions with her dramatic portrayals on the screen. For "The Hour of St. Francis," she gives a richly emotional performance as the mother in a true story written by a woman who saw her family go through an unforgettable year. The story will be heard at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28 over Radio Station WOWO.

This story first appeared in Cosmopolitan Magazine. Mrs. Dorothy Virginia Smith begins her narrative on a hopeful day of the year. Her four children, all of whom have been mysteriously ill, seem improved. Then the telephone rings. Mrs. Smith receives a message which casts a terrible shadow over her entire family.

When she and her husband ask themselves, "How can we ever live through this?" they find the only answer which can give anyone the strength to meet whatever the future holds.

'Home Of The Brave' To Be St. Joseph College Production

Collegeville — Dec. 12 and 13 have been set as the dates for presentations of "Home of the Brave," the first production of the year for the Columbian Players, student dramatic organization of St. Joseph's College.

The three-act comedy-drama is the same play which won much Broadway acclaim several years ago and was later made into an Oscar-winning movie. It concerns the struggles of a Jewish boy in the Army against real and imagined racial oppression.

The play will be directed by the Players' new moderator-director, Lee O'Connell. It will be Mr. O'Connell's premiere presentation on the Collegeville stage.

Seminary Schola Records Album Of Polish Songs

The Schola Cantorum of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary of Orchard Lake, Michigan has recorded an album of "Polish Christmas Songs" for RCA Victor. Heard annually over national network programs during the Christmas season for 16 consecutive years, the choir is composed of young men aspiring to the priesthood. Their renditions have been carried on the Voice of America since 1946.

In response to many appeals, the choristers recorded their first album "Christmas in Poland" in 1948. The favorable public reaction prompted RCA Victor to produce another album entitled "Polish Christmas Songs."

The Schola Cantorum is the only liturgical choir in this country specializing in Polish Hymnology. The traditional "kolendy," or Polish Christmas carols, which the choir interprets are a unique heritage in the musical literature of Christianity.

Student From Hammond In Loras College Play

Dubuque, Ia. — Daniel E. Overack, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Overack, Hammond, has been cast in the Loras College Players production of "Take Away the Lady," November 22, 23 and 24.

Overack, a senior, will portray Johnnie Fellows in Margery Vosper's play scheduled to appear on Broadway next spring.

Motu Proprio Anniversary

Fort Wayne — Special ceremonies marked the 50th anniversary of the Papal Encyclical, "Motu Proprio" at the Cathedral November 22. Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Dapp, Cathedral rector and diocesan chairman of the Church Music commission gave the sermon at all Masses.

U.S. Bishops Told . . .

Morally Objectionable Films Increased In '53

Washington —NC)— The attention of the U. S. Bishops was called to an increase during the past year of "morally objectionable in part" films by both American and foreign producers.

The report was made to the U. S. Bishops at their annual meeting here by Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus, chairman of the Committee on Motion Pictures.

Bishop Ready this year completed his term on the committee and was succeeded on that five-member body by Coadjutor Bishop William A. Scully of Albany, who was named chairman of the committee.

Bishop Ready reported that the Legion of Deceny's classification B — morally objectionable in part for all—showed a four per cent increase over last year for domestic films and a 20 per cent increase for foreign films.

The Bishops of the committee expressed the hope that the commercial success of these B films would not act as an encouragement to producers or theater owners for future exhibition of films of this type.

The Bishops also noted with concern that many theaters, including some owned by large circuits, have been exhiting films condemned by the Legion of Decency.

"The managements of these theaters are reminded," the Bishops of the committee noted, "that the Catholics of the United States are pledged to remain away altogether from theaters which show such films as a matter of policy.

Theaters which consider showing of a condemned film in the future should bear in mind the potential loss of Catholic patronage not only for that attraction but also others which follow it in the same theater."

The Bishops lauded the self-regulatory process of the Motion Picture Industry and reaffimred their approval of this instrument to preserve and maintain a morally wholesome screen.

The Bishops of the Motion Picture Committee also called attention to the fact that classification of a picture in an acceptable category does not imply that the source material from which it was made is necessarily morally acceptable.

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U.S. Bishops Uphold 'Dignity Of Man'

Our Weekly Chat With You

Dear Readers...

BY this time you have learned a great deal about the decision of the Bishops of the United States to begin in 1954 work on the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Next year was chosen because it is the Centenary Year of the promulgation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. The work on the National Shrine will entail the erection of the superstructure over the beautiful Crypt located on the campus of the Catholic University of America.

There is a most interesting history of the National Shrine which already goes back almost 40 years. It is told in this and other articles

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in this issue of *O.S.V.* On this page is a picture of the architect's conception of how the completed Shrine will appear.

About forty years ago the then rector of the Catholic University, Bishop Thomas A. Shahan, conceived the idea of building a monument to the patroness of our nation, Mary Immaculate. Practically every other country had a suitable national Basilica dedicated to Mary, even if she was not the nation's patroness. But back in the year 1846 the Catholic Bishops of the United States petitioned Pope Pius IX to designate Mary Immaculate the patroness of this young nation. He did so by a formal decree in January, 1847.

Bishop Shahan publicized his deeply felt ambition and it crystalized into a movement, particularly among the women of the country. In 1922, the cornerstone was laid for a large and beautiful basement church or Crypt for which nearly $2,000,000.00, contributed by Catholics from all over the nation, was raised. That Crypt is a showplace for tourists who visit Washington, but it reminds them of a defeat rather than victory, because the Shrine has never been completed.

Thousands of persons ever since that time have wanted the superstructure built and then have the National Shrine made interiorly beautiful. A systematic effort to raise funds for this purpose was made five years ago.

Now with more than $4,000,000.00 on hand, the Bishops will appeal to their people to make a generous contribution in a special collection to be gathered on December 6 (next Sunday) in the hope that they can raise $8,000,000.00 more by one effort. That much is still needed to complete the fund required to erect the superstructure and roof, to lay the

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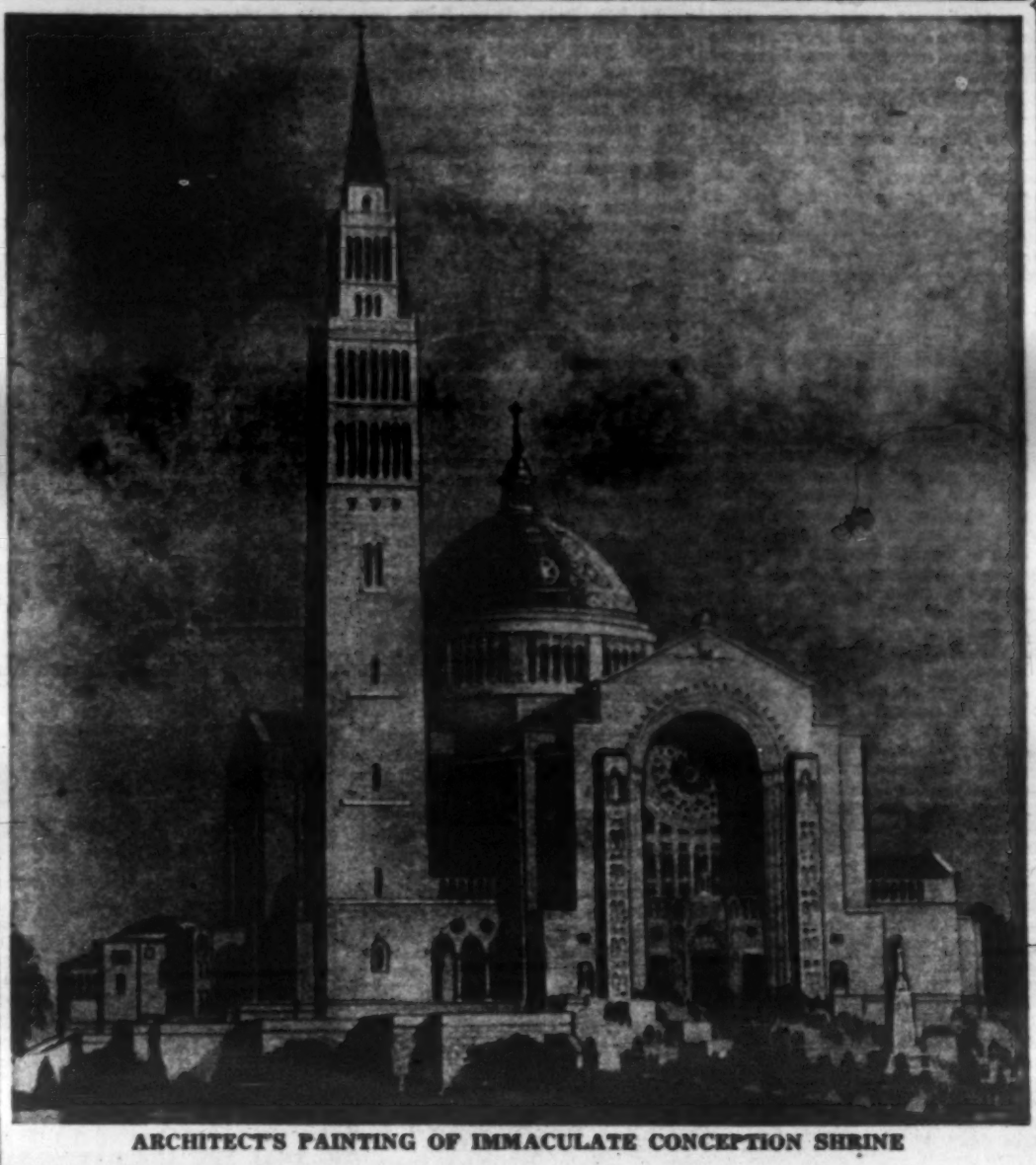

ARCHITECT'S PAINTING OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SHRINE

Things Made For Men— Men For God

THE following is the complete text of the annual Statement of the Bishops of the United States. It was released following their meeting in mid-November in Washington.

EVERY man knows instinctively that he is, somehow, a superior being. He knows he is superior to the land he tills, the machine he operates or the animals which are at his service. Even when unable to define this superiority in terms of "honor" and "dignity," if a man enjoys the fruits of his nobility, he is content and accepts that status as his due; lacking honor and dignity for any cause, a man is restless, depressed, even rebellious because something proper to him, as a man, is withheld or denied.

The Catholic Church has always taught and defended the natural dignity of every human being. She has preached the burdens of individual responsibility and has insisted upon the supremacy of personal conscience. She has reminded mankind that there is a great division between "things" and "men." She has never forgotten that "things" were made for men and that "men" were made for God.

In thus holding up a mirror to

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Our National Shrine

America's Tribute To Mary Immaculate

THE year 1954 has been proclaimed a Marian Year by Pope Pius XII to commemorate the centenary of the promulgation (1854) by Pope Pius IX of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

The Blessed Virgin is the Patroness of the United States, under the title of her Immaculate Conception.

As a fitting commemoration of the Centennial, the Catholics of the United States will begin in 1954 to erect the superstructure, or Upper Church, of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

The Shrine will rank among the ten greatest religious edifices in the world.

The cornerstone for the Shrine was laid September 23, 1920, and the construction of its massive foundation begun. The Crypt Church, part of the now completed foundations, is the largest such structure in the world.

To finance the work on the Superstructure, the Catholic Bishops of the United States are conducting an Appeal for the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. In most parts of the country this Appeal will be held on Sunday, December 6, 1953.

Actively directing the Appeal is an Episcopal Committee composed of:

Edward Cardinal Mooney
Francis Cardinal Spellman
James Francis Cardinal McIntyre.
Most Reverend John F. Noll, Chairman of the Episcopal Committee for the Shrine
Most Rev. John Gregory Murray
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Most Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle
Most Rev. Karl J. Alter
Most Rev. James E. Kearney
Most Rev. Peter L. Ireton

Our Nation's Tribute

The National Shrine is, indeed, a national tribute to the Blessed Mother. It is being built by the collective effort of all America's Catholics, and it stands in the Na-

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Pope Blesses All Who Contribute To National Shrine To Mary

Through His Excellency, the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Noll received the following message from the Holy Father in regard to the Appeal for the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception:

WITH HEARTFELT REJOICING HAVE WE LEARNED OF THE INTENTION OF OUR VENERABLE BRETHREN THE ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BRING TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION THE GREAT NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN YOUR CAPITAL CITY, AS A FITTING COMMEMORATION AND HOMAGE TO THE MOTHER OF GOD ON THE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THAT INSPIRING DOGMA.

WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT ALL THE FAITHFUL OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR DEVOTION TO OUR LADY BY CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE ERECTION OF HER NATIONAL SHRINE, AND WE GLADLY IMPART TO THOSE WHO HELP IN THIS NOBLE UNDERTAKING, AS A PLEDGE OF THE BENEVOLENT PROTECTION OF THE IMMACULATE MOTHER OF GOD UPON THEM AND UPON THEIR BELOVED COUNTRY, OF WHICH SHE IS THE CELESTIAL PATRONESS, OUR SPECIAL APOSTOLIC BLESSING.

FROM THE VATICAN, OCTOBER 26, 1953
Pius pp. XII

In Lieu Of Gift Exchanges

Children's Clothing Collection Planned

By MRS. CHARLES J. WALKER
Diocesan War Relief Chairman

Showers of Infants' and Children's new clothing will be featured again this year in lieu of gift exchanges at December meetings of parish organizations throughout the diocese.

The War Relief committees of the local councils of Catholic Women will forward the gifts to the Storerooms of the Holy Father for distribution among the refugees and disposed both in Europe and Asia. Many groups are planning to send their contributions via air mail in order that they may arrive in time for Christmas delivery.

His Holiness reminds once more of the many needy children whose sorrowful chorus of prayers and pleas for help continues to echo around the world.

In addition to the new clothing for the Storerooms, used clothing especially shoes are urgently needed with requests coming in from Berlin, Pusan, Hong Kong and other refugee filled outposts.

The Korean Adopt-A-Family program continues to stave off malnutrition and actual starvation of civilians in that victimized nation. In fact the plan was so tremendous a success that the same plan has been extended to refugee-packed Berlin, to Austria and Italy, to the Arab refugees around the Holy Land and to the anti-communist Chinese who have made a great DP camp of Hong Kong.

Local Catholic agencies in these areas of agony and want will deliver as many food packages as your gifts make possible. If you can spare $5 send it to N.C.C.W. Headquarters, War Relief Services, 1312 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D.C. and they will transfer your donation to the place of your choice.

The Christmas season too often sees us, who know no lack of food, feasting splendidly and laden with gifts for those who already have everything. We can make this Christmas 1953 truly the Feast of the Christ Child by our charity towards these stricken people for whom the Holy Father makes so urgent a plea.

South Bend Deanery To Meet November 30

The N.C.C.W. from South Bend Deanery, will meet at Sacred Heart Church, Lakeville, on November 30 at 1 p.m. A chartered bus will leave the Western Avenue bus station at 12 noon. Reservations must be made by November 27 with your parish chairman. The round trip fare will be $1.00. Mrs. Thomas Arch, youth chairman, will have charge of the program, and has arranged a Panel discussion to describe the works of the Fatima Club for teen age groups. The Panel will give a report on the convention for Youth that was held in Fort Wayne.

Michigan City Deanery

Executive Board Outlines Plans For Christmas

The executive board of the Michigan City deanery of the National Council of Catholic Women convened at the K. of C. club in Michigan City.

It was announced that the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign is again in progress and that the movement met with success throughout the nation last year.

Members were advised to contact the Polish embassy, Washington, D.C., their Senator or Congressman and protest against the oppression of the Church in Poland. The council was urged to ask that this matter of persecution be brought before the UN.

The Rev. Gilbert Wirtz, chaplain at Beatty Memorial hospital, explained to his audience the need of entertainment for the patients to aid in treatment, stressing that a touch of cheer and encouragement during the Yuletide season is much appreciated by these shut-ins. Mrs. Wozniak announced that this deanery would sponsor a holiday party for a ward of 35 patients on December 22 from 7:15 until 9 o'clock.

D. OF I. INSTALLS OFFICERS — Our Lady of Victory Circle, Daughters of Isabella, Fort Wayne, held installation of officers recently at the Knights of Columbus hall. Mrs. Oda Wiley, (left), Past National Director, of Huntington, was the installing officer. The newly installed Regent was Mrs. Charles Ueber. Other new officers installed include: vice regent, Mrs. Leonard Wall; past regent, Mrs. Wm. Cashman; recording secretary, Mrs. John Rhinehart; financial secretary, Mrs. Fred Shoppman; treasurer, Mrs. John Geary, and trustee, Mrs. Joe Noll.

GARY DEANERY FASHION SHOW — Mrs. Peter Billick, coordinator of the style show, Mrs. Clarence Moses, general chairman, and Mrs. Thomas Flannery, president of Gary Deanery, (left to right), admire a doll and handmade wardrobe which was the special award at the Gary Deanery card party and fashion show. Mrs. Moses wears an authentic sari from India. The event was given on two successive evenings to accommodate the 1,000 women attending.

Deanery Discussion Chairman

Fort Wayne Mother Writes Novel, 'Clay In The Sand'

By ELLA M. CARMER

Mrs. Eugene A. Haffner, Fort Wayne Deanery chairman of Discussion Groups, is the author of "Clay In The Sand," which was published November 25 by the Pageant Press, New York City.

Although this is her first book-length novel, Mrs. Haffner has been writing since she was in her teens. She grew to love the climate and people of northern Michigan when she was there many years ago, and selected this environment for her book because of her deep attachment to the area.

The mother of four children, Mrs. Haffner has taken a keen interest in school and civic activities. She is a past president of the Central Catholic High School Mother's Club, and belongs to many organizations, among them, the Ladies of Camelot, the St. Francis College Guild, the Gaudete Guild of St. John the Baptist Church, and the National Council of Catholic Women.

More than sixty poems, stories and feature articles by Mrs. Haffner have appeared in a wide variety of publications. Many of her articles have dealt with problems of Family Life: "Why Educate Girls?" "A Mother Talks to Mothers," "Does Your Wife Like You?" and similar articles have appeared in The Catholic Home Journal, The Family Digest, and Our Sunday Visitor. Her Christmas Story, "The Magic Strings," was featured in The Record, a publication of the Prudential Insurance Co., in the December, 1951 issue. A year later, her story, "Benjie, The Little Black Sheep" was presented over Fort Wayne's radio station WANE.

"Clay in The Sand" is a book that begins where many other novels end—with a marriage. Caroline Crawford—slim, dark-haired girl from a well-to-do family in Fort Wayne, Indiana, becomes the bride of Jonathan Adams, a farmer from northern Michigan. Snubbed by most of her neighbors because she is not of their faith, Caroline is unhappy in her new home. As the story unfolds, both she and her husband mature and develop

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Hammond Deanery To Hold Meet At St. Casimir, Dec. 14

Several parishes of the Hammond Deanery Council of Catholic Women are participating in a shower of infants' and children's new clothing to be on display at the deanery meeting December 14 at St. Casimir's parish in Hammond. The meeting will open with Benediction at 7:30.

Mrs. Albert Koslow, East Chicago, a former Hammond deanery president and Fort Wayne diocesan press chairman, will be the featured speaker.

There will also be a short discussion of the Bricker Amendment by the diocesan legislation chairman in order to acquaint the group with the issue in order that they may form an opinion and take action on it before Congress convenes in January.

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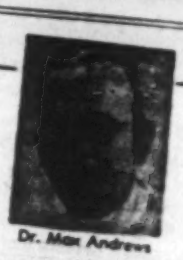

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A Guide For Family Entertainment

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DALE FRANCIS

A READER from Cincinnati wrote to say I'm too critical of films and if I'm so blamed smart why don't I go to Hollywood and make motion pictures. Now quite aside from the fact that you don't have to know how to lay an egg to criticize an omlet, I've really praised quite a few motion pictures these last couple of months.

Dale Francis

It is true that I do criticize a great percentage of them but, believe me, the criticism is justified. I'm appalled by the tremendous number of films that simply aren't worth anybody's time. As I sit through my eight or nine movies a week, I do it with the hope that the time I waste seeing a worthless film may save somebody else's time.

So far I've listed seven films as exceptionally worthwhile. Here, as a check list, are the seven I've listed, in order of preference and with family or adult designation: "Little Boy Lost" (F), "Julius Caesar" (F), "The Robe" (F), "Roman Holiday" (A), "The Actress" (A), "Little Fugitive" (A), "All the Brothers Were Valiant" (A).

Then I've given qualified recommendations to seven other films, all of which you would enjoy but which wouldn't hurt you to miss. Again I list them in the order of my preference: "Split Second" (A), "Flight Nurse" (F), "Mr. Scoutmaster" (F), "Calamity Jane" (F), "Half a Hero" (F), "The Joe Louis Story" (F), "Sword and the Rose" (A).

A man from Louisiana wrote to say that I'm just too naive to know when a film is dirty. He said "Flight Nurse" was indecently immodest both in scenes and in dialogue. He told me he is a veteran and single and this combination helps him in knowing what is dirty and what is not.

Now I've lived a sheltered life and it may well be that I don't know naughty words when I hear them. As a little boy, I didn't play with other youngsters. I caddied and, as every red blooded American boy knows, caddies discuss only the latest trends in music and art and any boy caught using even bad grammar is slapped on the wrist.

Then when I was in my late teens I became a police reporter on a metropolitan daily and, I need tell no one, this sheltered me from contact with any but the cream of society.

I was more than four years in the Army and, I blush to admit, I did know one or two young men in this organization who sometimes in fits of anger would say "shucks" or even "darn." But when they did it the commanding officer immediately washed out their mouths with soap so you can bet they didn't do it again. So you see, knowing my background, you can understand why I'd be unable to recognize naughty words when I hear them.

But I don't know what it is in my background that keeps me from understanding how some people can find dirty meanings where nobody else can.

As for "Flight Nurse," the Legion of Decency is composed of naive people, too. They say it is a family film.

My comments on westerns brought lots of mail. A reader from Missouri wanted to know why I'd left out Art Acord. Not intentional and he hereby is installed in our memories of happy Saturday afternoons club. If I left out an old favorite of yours send in his name, too.

Another man wrote to say that westerns glorified crime. I doubt it. Evil is usually portrayed as evil. But on this subject I received a rollicking nice letter from Mrs. Richard E. Hudgens, a Whitehaven, Tenn., housewife. Wrote Mrs. Hudgens:

"It seems as if all big boys as well as little boys like cowboy films. I do too for that matter, but I can't quite agree with your attitude entirely. We must be in the same age group, because I, too, spent my weekly 10c to see the heroes you named. My only clear-cut recollection is of Bob Steele being tied up by the hands in an old rock quarry and horsewhipped. I went home and played all the sad sounding pieces I knew on the piano while shedding buckets of tears over the fate of my curly-headed Bob. I am sure it took me until the next Saturday to get over it. But right there is the difference—we were fed this diet once a week for an hour, while today's youngsters get it for hours on end every day. And if you gleaned from these pictures the virtues you give them credit for endorsing, I would say you were a very unusual little boy. The only thing I can see the kids learning is rough talk and a taste for violence. The good man uses exactly the same methods as the bad man—he's just a better shot and a trickier fighter. I may be wrong, but I think the ideals of goodness for which the good man supposedly stands are completely lost on the kids.

"If my own 6-year-old ever comes up with any good notions he has picked up from these shows, I will tell you and you can say 'See there!' So far, all I can see he has imbibed is a love for roughhousing, exemplified by his perfecting the art of tripping. He has that down pat, as I well know, because he sent me toppling once before I knew it. I don't think he'll try it again soon. He also picked up a couple of stand-bys in the sass department—'You rat!' and 'I mean it, Buster!' These he tosses at his parents on occasions. An example of what I mean is the two kids on our back porch fighting. One of them had his knee in the other's back and his arm under his neck, pulling back for all he was worth. He was the 'good man' so he informed me.

"Even so, I am not too alarmed about the cowboy shows as of themselves. It seems to me the principle of immunity will work here and if we can keep them from choking each other before they grow up, maybe the idea of good triumphing over evil will soak through. But I do think they have to be considered as part of the whole current emphasis on crime and it's in consideration of this over-all picture that I think cowboy films have to be evaluated."

So wrote Mrs. Hudgens and it's not only an interesting but a thought-provoking letter, too. I agree that there can be too much of a thing and that a daily diet can be harmful. I agree, too, that the brutality must be de-emphasized.

My own personal recommendations to parents facing immediate problems like those of Mrs. Hudgens is that they run, not walk, to the television set—being careful not to be tripped on the way—then forcefully apply pressure in the right direction to the turn-off knob. Having done this the parent should then turn to the child, inform the child that the TV set was to be turned on only at specific times and, add for emphasis, "I mean it, Buster!"

HOT BLOOD (Columbia) This is like a hard blow to the stomach—it isn't entertaining but it is terrifically effective.

Since starting this column I've seen something more than 50 motion pictures—this is the most effective of all I've seen. Yet I do not know whether it is a film you would like. Let me tell you something about it.

On week ends all over the nation, you see bands of men on motorcycles. These bike clubs are a kind of national institution. This film offers the thesis that these men are guys with inferiority complexes who on weekends get rid of the humdrumness of their weekday lives and become little big shots on motorcycles. The film tells the story of what happens when one of these bands of cyclists stop for a few hours in a quiet peaceful country town.

I don't know when I've seen a movie as powerfully effective as this film. The acting is uniformly good, the photography is unusual, the direction outstanding, the musical background effective. As for the lead performance by Marlon Brando, it was for me the best thing I've seen all this year.

The film may sometimes be overbrutal, the girl in the film is a little fuzzy in her thinking but generally evil is recognized as evil. For serious film goers this strikes me as the most important film in months but make no mistake, it isn't soothing entertainment but a powerful portrayal of a man who is afraid and unsure of himself and for protection pulls around himself a shell of indifference and high-handedness.

EASY TO LOVE (MGM) This is the usual Esther Williams film—lots of big beautiful water, lots of big beautiful scenes, lots of big beautiful Esther Williams. If you like films like this then this is the sort of a film you will like. Van Johnson and Tony Martin are featured along with the swimming pool.

The trouble with most people is that they think with their hopes, fears, or wishes rather than with their minds.—W. D.

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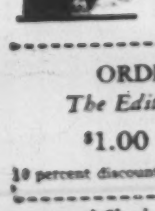

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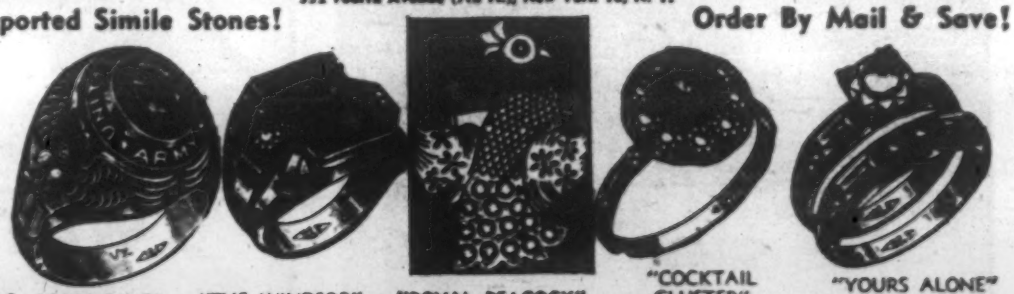

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men that they may see their own greatness and realize their personal dignity, the Catholic Church has taught that man's true honor is from God, has been enhanced spiritually by divine grace and is preserved without degradation only when the honor and dignity of God Himself are first maintained.

Often in times past men have failed to live up to the honor of their state. They have degraded their dignity in many ways. But, always till now, violence and vice, injustice and oppression or any other assaults on human dignity were recognized as abominations and were so abhorred. It has remained for our day to attempt to disregard human personality and to fortify such disregard with the force of legislation or the approbation of custom, as if a man were only a "thing."

The present has been described as a rationally established inhumanity working with all the expedients of administrative and mechanical techniques. Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, in his 1952 Christmas allocution, gave warning of the attempted mechanization of mankind and protested the stripping of personality from men by legal or social devices. The Bishops of the United States, conscious of the growing impersonalization of man, reaffirm man's essential dignity and reassert the rights which flow from it.

Roots Of Human Dignity

Man's essential worth derives from a threefold source: from the fact of his creation, from the mode of his existence, and from the nobility of his destiny.

The mere fact that any creature exists at all requires the creative and sustaining power of God. When God exercises this power to summon any possible reality into actual existence, that reality is thereby sealed from within with value. Such a dignity man shares with the animal and material world around him.

But his special type of existence confers on man a special claim to honor. Though immersed in a universe of fleeting and random sensations, he is endowed with an intellect able to pierce the flux of passing images and discover beneath them enduring patterns of truth. Though subjected to the presures of his environment and a prey to unthinking appetites, he is still endowed with a self-determining will capable of choosing wisely within the framework of law.

Intellect and will, then, are man's distinctive adornments. It is their distinctive role to allow a finite creature to grasp truth consciously and to choose goodness freely, and thus to mirror the Infinite Creator Who is conscious Truth and absolute Goodness.

Man's natural honor, however, has been enhanced by grace, conferred at creation, lost through sin, but restored through the Incarnation and Redemption of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

When the Son of God took human flesh as an instrument of salvation, all human flesh was honored by His association with it. Through His death and resurrection Christ demonstrated the role and destiny, the honor and dignity of every man for whom He lived and suffered. Since those days of Christ on earth, no man lives by his body alone, nor by the natural powers of his soul alone; every man is sanctified, made holy, made more worthy and more honorable by the enjoyment of the special spiritual life which flows from the Cross, or by the possibility that this life will one day be his, to raise him above the limitations of nature, to honor him in unending union with the God Who became man.

Such is the triple fountain of man's dignity. To the extent these truths cease to energise the sense of reverence in every man, assaults upon the majesty of the human person must increase and intensify. Heedless that his nature has God for its origin and destiny, and reason and revelation for its divinely commissioned guide, man will do what no other creature can—he will deny his true nature and will destroy all that is good within himself.

Dignity And The Body

Such a process of degradation is viciously at work in our own country, where the deification of the flesh continues to enlist new devotees. Through its liturgy of advertisement, entertainment, and literature, this cult bids fair to corrode our national sense of decency. When reason abdicates its sovereignty over bodily energies, their purpose is destroyed; and, by a sort of instinctive vengeance, they themselves become destroyers. Like wild animals, these energies are hard to tame, and remain dangerous even when tamed. But whatever lawful use an animal may serve, it is not wisdom for man to accept as his master the lion who seeks to devour him.

The Catholic Church, however, has never failed to accord the human body an immense measure of honor. She affirms that it was originally created by God; in one instance actually assumed by Him; in every instance meant to be on earth His special temple, and destined eventually to rejoin the soul in His beatific Presence. Whatever is uncompromising in her teaching about the body stems from her realism on two points: the body, though good, is not the highest good; and the undisciplined body is notoriously bad.

Other sacrileges against personality flow from errors less crude perhaps, but hardly less injurious. Such are some prevailing misconceptions about society, liberty, economics, labor and education.

The practical social theory of the last century enthroned the individual but not the person. An individual can be a thing: as for instance an individual tree; but in virtue of his rational soul, a person is more than a thing. Yet the depersonalized view of man gained ascendancy, and generated a society which was a criss-cross of individual egotisms, and in which each man sought his own.

Against this error our century has seen a reaction which has sought to overcome the isolation of man from man by imposing upon rebellious individuals a pattern of compulsory and all-embracing state organization, with unlimited power in the hands of the Civil Government. Hence socialism in its various guises has appeared as forcible organization imposed upon the confusion which resulted from false concepts of human freedom.

The Christian concept of man, however, is that he is both personal and social. As a person he has rights independent of the state; as a member of society he has social obligations. Parents and society contribute to the making of a man, hence man is indebted to the social order. At the same time, since his soul comes not from society but from God, a man has rights which no society may violate. The state is a creature of man, but man is a creature of God; hence the state exists for man, not man for the state.

Dignity And Liberty

The Christian view, then, avoids the opposing extremes of individualism and collectivism, both of which are grounded on false concepts of liberty—either the unfettered liberty of individualism, which gives the "individual" the right to ignore society; or the liberty of dictatorship, which gives the government the right to ignore the person by absorbing him into a race or class, thus destroying his freedom of choice. The false liberty of individualism wrecks society by defining freedom as individual license; the false liberty of dictatorship wrecks humanity by defining freedom as the right of the dictator to nullify the person—a right which he claims to derive from social necessity.

Concerning the results of such false notions of liberty, Leo XIII issued these warnings: "The true liberty of human society does not consist in every man doing what he pleases, for this would simply end in turmoil and confusion, and bring on the overthrow of the state . . . likewise, liberty does not consist in the power of those in authority to lay unreasonable and capricious demands upon their subjects, a course which would be equally criminal, and would lead to the ruin of the commonwealth."

Liberty in political life may be described as the condition in which the individual finds himself unhampered in the discharge of his duties and in the exercise of his rights. Liberty, however, is something more than a political phenomenon as tyrannical dictatorship contends; it is more than an economic phenomenon as some disciples of free enterprise maintain. It is something more mature than that dream of rights without responsibilities which historic liberalism envisioned; it is certainly different from that terrorism of responsibilities without rights which Communism imposes. It is something wiser than free thought, and something freer than dictated thought. For freedom has its roots in man's spiritual nature. It does not arise out of any social organization, or any constitution, or any party, but out of the soul of man. Hence to the whole tradition of the Western world, liberty does not come essentially from improved conditions of living, either political or economic, but is rather the spring out of which better conditions must flow. A free spirit creates free institutions; a slave spirit permits the creation of tyrannical ones.

Dignity And Economics

Closely connected with freedom and human dignity is the right of private property. On the question of private property the aforementioned misconceptions of liberty beget two other extremes: first the belief that a man's right to property is absolute, and that he may do with it what he pleases, without regard for the moral law or social justice; and, secondly the reactionary error of Communism, which denies all personal rights and lodges all property in the hands of the state.

The Christian position maintains that the right to property is personal, while the use of property is also social. Unrestrained capitalism makes its mistake by divorcing property rights from social use; Communism hits wide of the mark by considering social use apart from personal rights.

Much of our economic restlessness, however, is the festering of man's wounded dignity. Karl Marx himself was perceptive enough to see that "Democracy is based on the principle of the sovereign worth of the individual, which, in turn, is based on the dream of Christianity that man has an immortal soul." (Marx-Engels Historical-Critical Edition, Karl Marx Institute, Moscow, Vol. I, No. I, p. 580).

Ignoring the testimony of both reason and revelation and believing the "dream" to be only a dream, modern men have tended to concentrate almost exclusively on economic security and to pursue it at times with the fervor of religious devotion.

Often the hope is voiced that man will turn to the cultivation of the spirit after all his economic needs are supplied. We are reminded of the delusion of Jean Jacques Rousseau that man, good in himself, has been corrupted only

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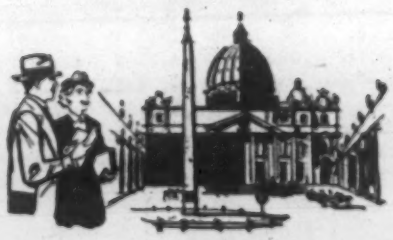

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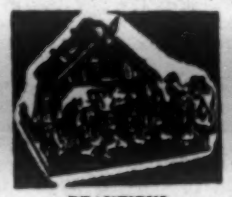

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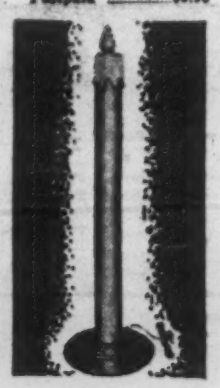

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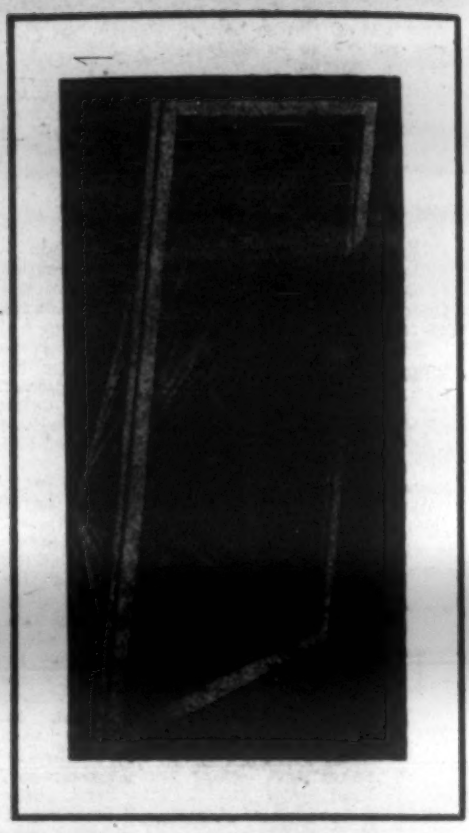

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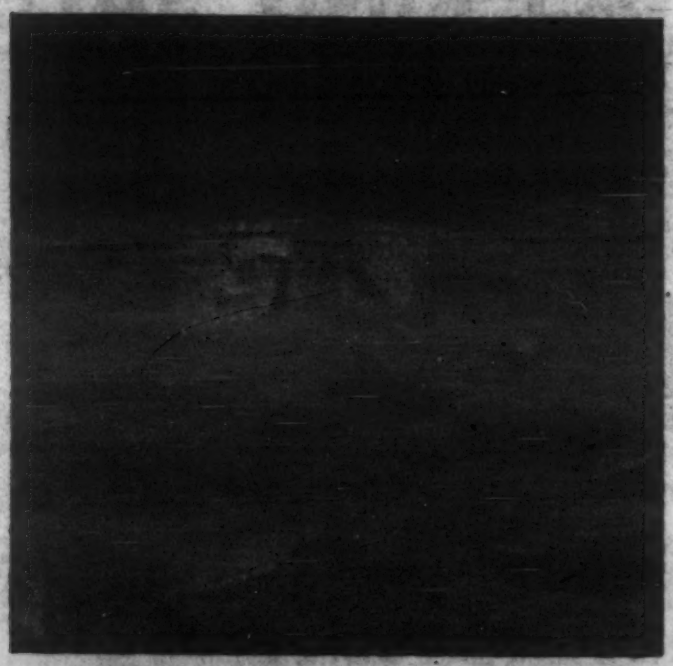

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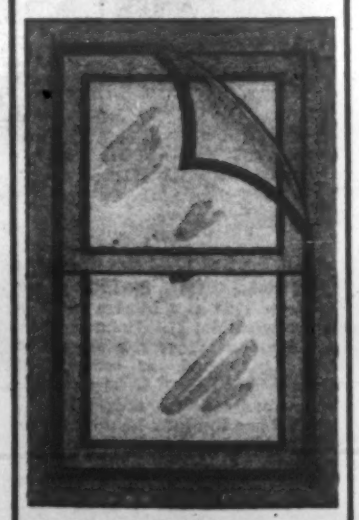

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Facts About The So-Called Reformation

This discussion deals with article on page six. Please be sure to read it carefully.

JOHN: In which century did the Catholic Church flourish most in the late Middle Ages?

MARY: What happened in the next two centuries to weaken the faith of people?

CHARLES: Was there any other reason?

ANN: Do you know of any other reason?

Questions For The Class

It is said that the people complained because the Pope was asking for so much money. Is that true?

CLASS: Yes. Pope's Julius II and Leo X found the Church deeply in debt after their predecessors had been away from Rome for 70 years, yet money was needed to keep the Turks from invading Western and Southern Europe.

Where were the Turks, and the Moslems generally threatening?

CLASS: They were at the gates of Vienna, and at the gates of Cadiz, Spain. Just as our country is spending money all over the world to keep the Communists out of other countries, so did the Popes supply money to cities in the areas threatened by the invasion of Mohammedanism, a professed enemy of Christianity.

But is it true that these two Popes were not saintly men?

CLASS: That is true, because the spirit of worldliness and luxury prevailed in Rome. Just as there was a Judas among the 12 Apostles chosen by Christ Himself, so there have been a few—but very few—unholy Popes.

Was there anything else which confused the people of Germany and weakened their faith?

CLASS: Yes. They were confused when they saw their Princes striving for spiritual power, and for a national church under a German regime.

Can you think of anything else that tended to weaken their faith?

CLASS: Yes. A scholar by the name of Erasmus started a movement known as the "Humanist" movement, designed to foster the study of the ancient pagan classics. They implanted pagan rather than Christian ideas in the young people.

But is it true that Pope Julius II sold Bishoprics?

CLASS: He did not "sell" Bishoprics, but because the Church's treasury was empty, he accepted money for the increase of diocesan territory to the Bishop of Meinz or Mayence in Germany.

But did not the Indulgence of Leo X also call for money?

CLASS: Strictly speaking, no. But preachers of it, notably Tetzel, did propose that people give an alms for the erection of the present St. Peter's, Rome, in connection with the grant of an Indulgence. The Indulgence itself called for the usual conditions, namely, repentance, confession, reception of Holy Communion and prayers for the intention of the Pope.

Did the Reformation reform either faith or morals?

CLASS: No. Of course divine faith cannot be reformed, and according to Luther's own admission morals became worse following the so-called Reformation.

Truth About

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the Catholic Church was marked for destruction, but in a few years Napoleon approached Pius VII for a reconciliation. A century later under the Socialist Combes, the same measures were taken against the Church in France. Today the blame for the widespread Communism in that country is placed on that act. Religion as such was terribly injured, but the present government is favorable to the Catholic Church.

Today Communism is out to destroy the Catholic Church and all its attacks are on the Vatican and on Catholic Bishops and clergy which it links with the United States and England. Since the world has learned to know the aims and purposes of Communism, the deception by which it seeks to accomplish its ends, its calumnies against the Catholic Church are not taken seriously. Historians who avail themselves of the invitation to consult Vatican archives refute most of the charges of Reformation writers.

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Truth About So-Called Reformation

EVERYONE knows that there have been periods when both faith and morality flourished, and periods when considerable laxity prevailed, as in our own times. The 13th century was one of great saints, scholars, scientists. But during the 14th and 15th centuries things happened which created confusion and distrust in the instructors of religion and of morals.

In the 14th century Europe experienced the terrible effects of the Black Death (1348-1350) which wiped out more than one-third of Western Europe, bishops and priests falling victims as well as the laity.

During that and the following century occurred the Western Schism (1378-1470) which forced the transfer of the Pope to Avignon and the retention of his successors there for nearly 70 years (1309-1376).

The people in Germany were confused when they saw their Princes striving for spiritual power independently of the Holy See, and saw the effect of the Humanist Movement, initiated by Erasmus. This movement was designed to cultivate the study of the ancient pagan classics. Erasmus did not dream that it would lead students to catch the pagan spirit, and weaken their attachment to Christianity, but it did in a big way.

Then Pope Julius II and his successor Leo X found the Church becoming more and more involved in debt. The Turks were at the door of Vienna to invade Europe, and the Moslems, who had been driven from Spain into North Africa, were bent on getting back. The Popes, therefore, gave considerable money to cities in the area of the Mohammedan threat. Pope Leo X had wanted to start a new Crusade against the Turks for which much money would be needed; yet he wished to erect in Rome the present Basilica of St. Peter's, for which it would be necessary to collect money throughout Europe.

The confused people objected to the frequent calls for money to accomplish such things, and his issuance of the Indulgence, which was connected with the collection of money for Rome's Basilica, furnished the occasion for considerable opposition. Disputes among theologians added to the confusion.

But the chief reason why the Reformation succeeded was that Princes made capital of the growing feeling against Rome and backed not only Luther, but any one who would advocate a break with spiritual direction from abroad.

Reform Was Needed

There was evidently a reason, therefore, for a vigorous preaching to bring about a reformation in the lives of both clergy and laity, and for the elimination of abuses, but not for an attack on the divine character of the Church itself, nor for the rejection of doctrines which had been universally believed by Christians during the previous 15 centuries.

Ludwig Pastor, a German historian, who wrote "The History of the Popes from the Close of the Middle Ages" and who documents every charge or claim he makes admits the need of a reformation of morals, but denounces the unfair exaggerations penned by the immediate post-reformation historians. He observes: "The records of all nations consist of the stories of crimes. Virtue goes quietly on her way; vice and lawlessness are always making a noise. The scapegoat is the talk of the town; the honest man does his duty, and no one hears of him" (Vol. V: 10).

Dollinger, in his work "The Reformation: Its Interior Development and Effects," shows from Protestant writers alone that the Reformation in Germany instead of helping matters led to intellectual, social, moral and religious deterioration.

Luther himself wrote: "Now we see the people becoming more infamous, more avaricious, more unmerciful, more unchaste, and in every way worse than they were under Popery." He calls his own town of Wittenberg "a Sodom of immorality," (Grisar, Luther, IV: 210-215).

It is strange that those of our day who criticize the Church do not take into consideration what is going on in the world now—the precise things which happened in Europe four centuries ago.

During the French Revolution

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marble floor and to install the main altar so that the church can be used while awaiting completion; also to install heat and light.

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In some dioceses this collection was taken up earlier this year. Hence if a letter is not read from the pulpit of your parish church on November 29, appealing for a generous collection on December 6, it will be due to the fact that you were asked to give either on Mother's Day or on the Sunday following the feast of Mary's Assumption, or on a date not yet determined by your Bishop.

Archbishop Noll is the chairman of the Bishops' Committee charged with the responsibility of raising funds and completing the National Shrine. *Our Sunday Visitor* has published many articles concerning the Shrine, and many of our readers have contributed generously towards its completion. Should some readers, not formally attached to any parish, or members of a parish in which a collection will not be taken at this time, wish to send contributions through us we shall gladly forward them to the treasurer of the Shrine committee.

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THE EDITORS

Free From Doubt

To those who have experience in the instruction of converts, one point particularly will have struck them: we do not need to proselytize. The Church has but to be herself and the truth within her shines because she is free from doubt. In nine cases out of ten the first impetus of conversion comes from materialistic sources or as the result of doubt.—**Rev. Joseph Christie, S.J.**

The nearest approach to immortality on earth is a government bureau.—**James F. Byrnes.**

Brother Michael's Quiz

Read this week's installment of BROTHER MICHAEL'S MAGIC carefully. Then try to answer each of the following questions. You may use your catechism or other books to help find the answers. Five right is excellent; four right, very good; three right, passing; two right, poor; and if you get less than two correct, Brother Michael is ashamed of you!

1. Through whose name do we receive forgiveness of sins?
2. What are the chief attributes of the Catholic Church?
3. What is meant by the authority of the Catholic Church?
4. Who was to exercise the authority of the Catholic Church after the death of Peter and the Apostles?
5. Where did Peter go after he baptized Cornelius at Caesarea?

Answers on page 15

GOD LOVE YOU

Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen

SUPPOSE you had $1,000 to give away to the hungry and the suffering. Which would you prefer: to decide yourself to whom it would be divided or to allow someone else to decide? Obviously the first, wouldn't you? You would get more personal joy out of it; your ego would be flattered; those whom you aided would be indebted to you.

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There are moments when our ego comes to the top and we wish we could be a "Johnny Goodfellow" and send money to various missions of the world. But very quickly our faith triumphs over our pride and we are glad that the Holy Father reserves the right to himself to allocate your sacrifices.

As head of the 100,000 missionaries in the 630 missionary dioceses, he can most wisely make the distribution. Furthermore, the missionaries would a million times rather receive the offering from him. But most important of all, think of the merit we gain by making an act of faith in the Vicar of Christ, saying: "Your Holiness, here is my sacrifice. In giving to you, I give it to Christ."

All the Diocesan Directors throughout the United States are His representatives. What they or you send to us as National Director we may not dispense. Thank God, we cannot. We would not want it otherwise; we might make a "botch" of it all. There is more joy in serving the Vicar of Christ than in pleasing one's self. Your sacrifice will be greater when you know we send it to the Holy Father.

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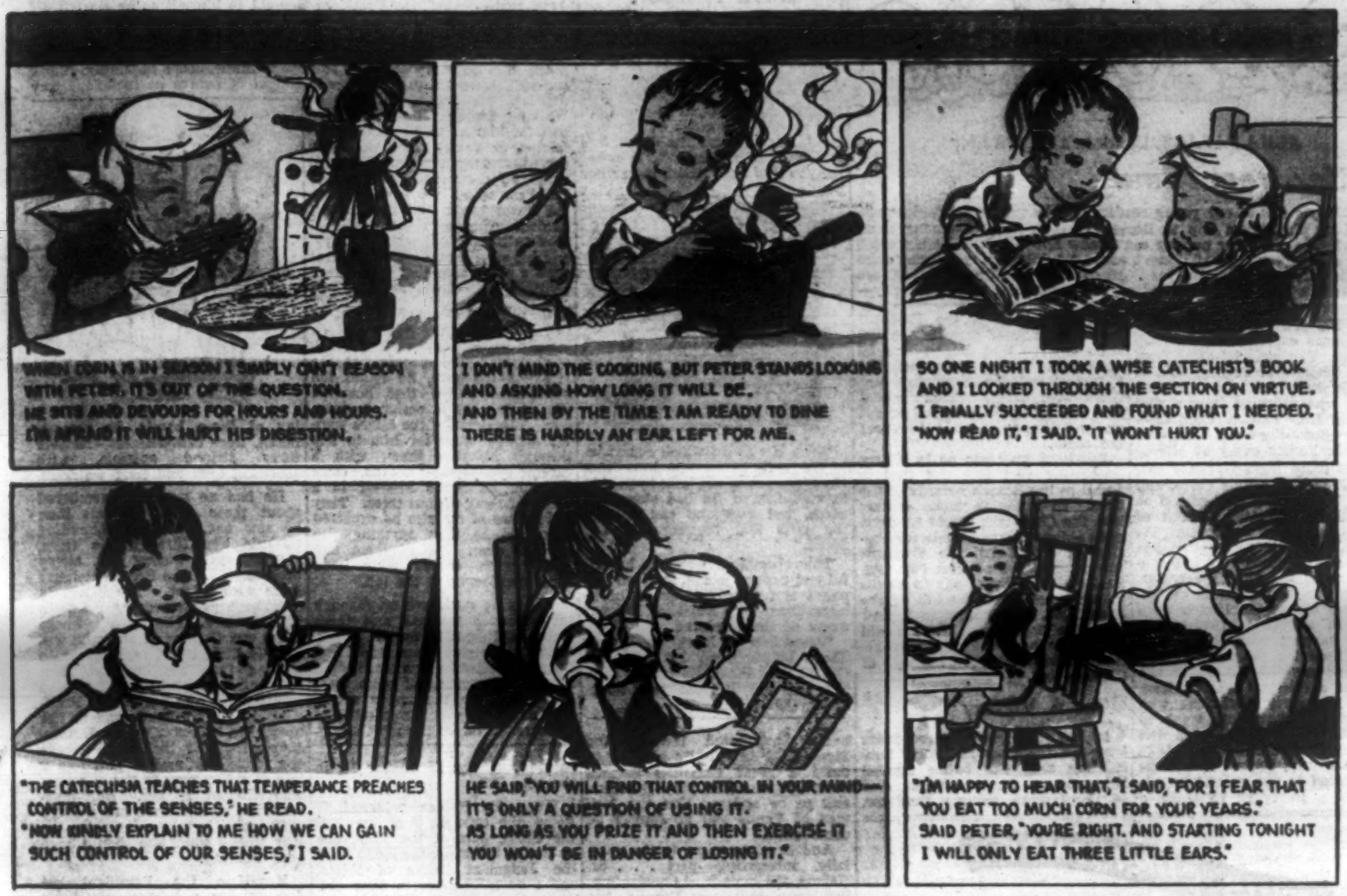

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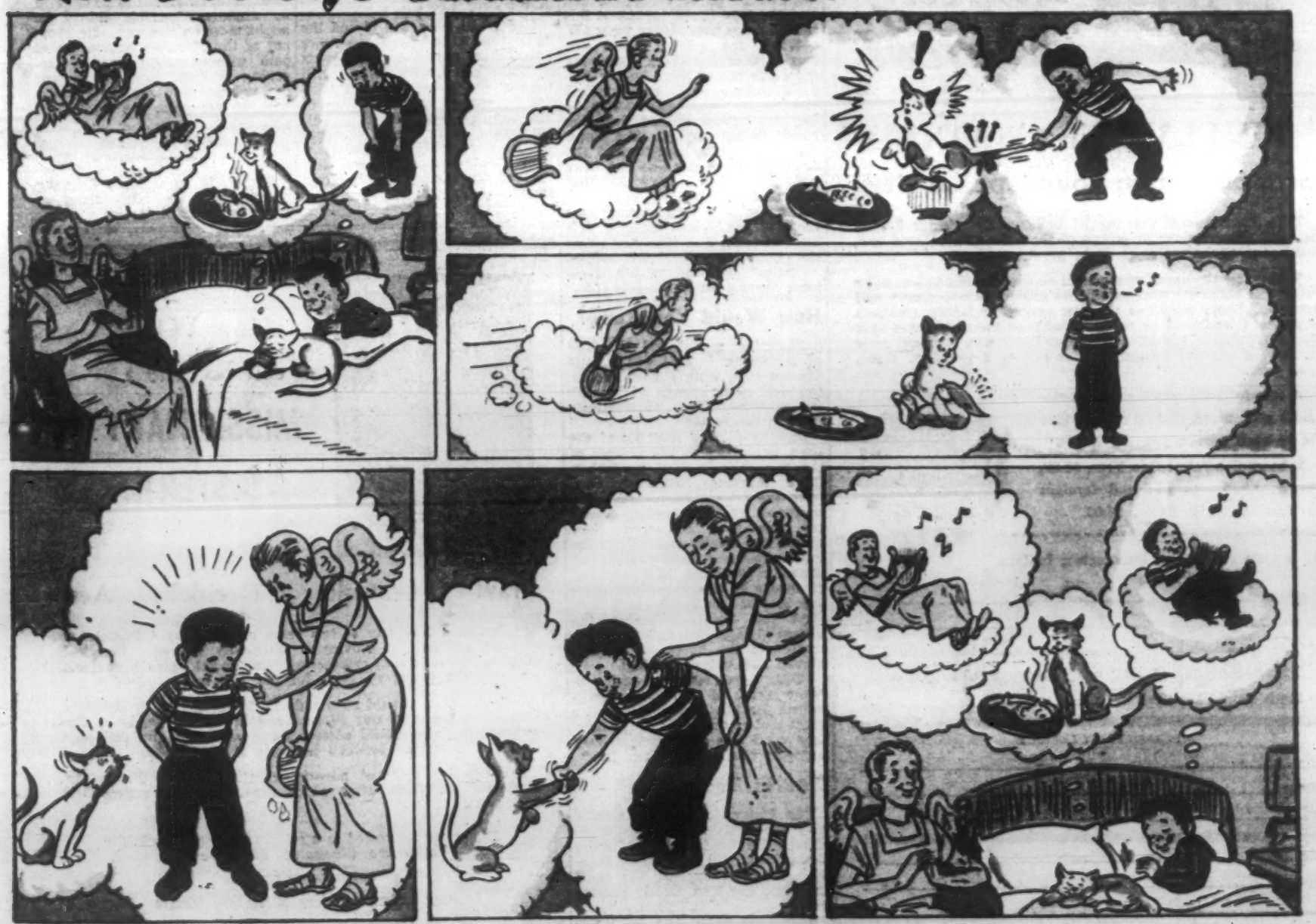

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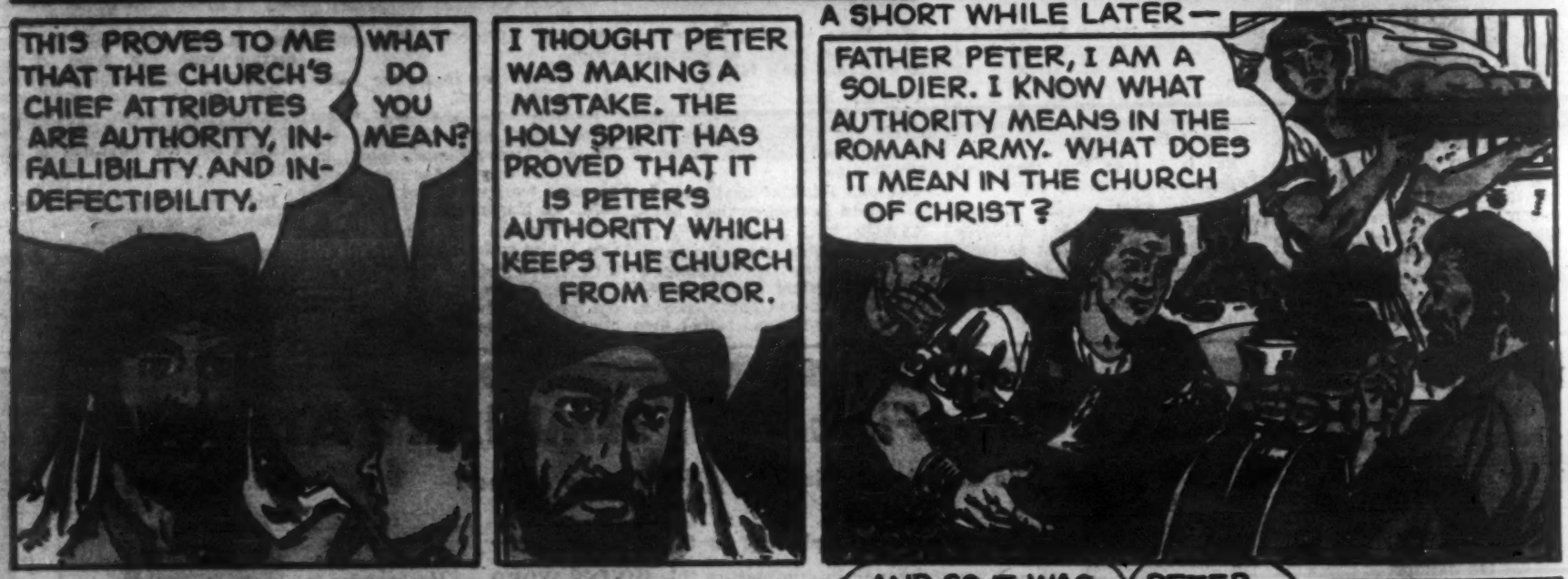

Father Conroy Talking

The Emerald Isle

ON the morning of October 9th our party stepped ashore at Dublin. We were met immediately by two men—Al and Mike—who literally snowed us under with a combination of smiles, Irish brogues and warm handshakes. They took it upon themselves to welcome us in the name of all Ireland. Were they friends of ours? Relatives of some of the party? Not at all. They were just two Irishmen and that's the kind of greeting you get from Irishmen. It's true that these men were to be our guides through Ireland, but they gave us the impression that they looked upon this project in the light of a personal enterprise more than anything else.

Beyond this, I am practically at a loss for words to describe my impressions and those of our pilgrims while travelling through the Emerald Isle. But if I had to sum up these impressions in one short sentence, I would say, "Ireland has the Faith!"

It's on the faces of the people. It's in the air. It's everywhere. You cannot go long until you are reminded of it somehow, someway. It may be contained in some poetic expression—and these people coin poetry every time they open their lips—or you can see it displayed in the Sacred Heart badges pinned to the dash boards of cabs and busses. Men salute the priest on all sides (with a quick little signal of the finger) and women make the Sign of the Cross as he passes. City churches are crowded every morning of the week for Holy Mass and thousands jam these same churches in the evening for devotions. Last year better than **90% of the Irish people** made their Easter duty.

(There, there, Life Magazine, don't worry anymore about the Irish!)

A highlight for all of our Pilgrims took place in Cork City. There the 1,800 children of North Presentation Convent School put on for us a demonstration of Irish song and costume dancing which the average visitor to Ireland never sees. Under the careful direction of the nuns, these youngsters gave us a program which will live long in our memories.

OSV PILGRIMS IN IRELAND—Pictured above are members of **Our Sunday Visitor** Pilgrimage and some of their friends as they visited in the Cork City Hall with His Honor, Ald. P. McGrath, T.D., Lord Mayor (center). A Civic Reception was tendered the American visitors by the Lord Mayor while they stopped in Cork on their recent European tour. Mr. McGrath personally greeted each guest and extended the privileges of the City to each one.

We could not help but be impressed with the fact that these children were covering, in their song and dance, the long and inspiring history of the Irish race. It is one thing merely to study history. It is quite another to sing it and dance it. And there are those who worry about the Irish!

Coming to Ireland provided me with an opportunity to visit with the Danehy's, the Hallidan's, the O'Connor's and several other groups of my relatives who live in County Cork. I had the experience of sitting before the open turf fire and being regaled with the best of Irish humor, tears and Faith.

No less a happiness was the privilege of saying Mass in their little parish church, the Church of Kilcorney, set so prettily up in the rolling Cork hills near the Kerry Border. In a way this was my church too, since my ancestors all attended it and many of them are buried in the cemetery nearby.

While saying Mass there it occurred to me that my vocation came from this hallowed spot as much as from any other earthly source. In fact, the same could be said of the vocations of the other two priests, one bishop and two nuns which our family has given to the services of Holy Mother Church during the course of the years. This is to say nothing of still other members of the clan who were willing to face British firing squads, imprisonment and the loss of their homes rather than reject the Faith of their forefathers.

Our visit was climaxed with the Lord Mayor of Cork, Alden McGrath, T.D., offering our party a civic reception in the Cork City Hall. We were especially grateful for the assistance of City officials Gavin and Kennedy who expedited moving our group through the city and who rendered us many other

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More Restraints

CECILIA WADE

Dear Jane:

PATRICIA, my sixteen-year-old cousin, just got her driver's license. She was positively jubilant about it. She drove over here to take me for a ride the very first thing. "I'm not invited, eh?" Daddy teased. "Okay, I know when I'm not wanted. But don't forget, Pat, that driver's license places a lot more restraints on you than mere pedestrians have, so don't get too starry-eyed about the call of the open road."

"Restraints!" Pat gasped. "But I feel so free when I'm driving!"

"Some people don't understand the true meaning of freedom," Daddy said. "Hartley Coleridge, I think it was, once said that freedom, rightly understood, is a universal license to be good. To achieve freedom for everyone, everyone must restrain himself from indulging in harmful infringements on his neighbor's rights. You are free now, Pat, to travel farther and faster because you have taken on the responsibility of obeying more regulations."

I got in beside Pat, and Daddy shut the car door. "But after all, girls, you still prefer driving to walking even if it does entail more restraints."

Pat started the motor, and knowing Daddy, we waited expectantly for the spiritual point that was bound to come. We were not disappointed either.

"There are Catholics who restrain their selfish impulses some, and these travel at a walker's pace toward heaven. People who prefer rapid flight toward sanctity endeavor to restrain all selfish impulses. Now you girls like speed, so . . ."

"Let's fly," Pat said, but she smiled at Daddy in appreciation, for she admires his spiritual wisdom tremendously.

"Watch that speed," Daddy warned, stepping back from the curb to wave us off, and this time he was speaking of the car.

Till next week,
Anne

Fighting 69th Triduum Dec. 6-8

FATHER JAMES CONROY

SINCE the founding of the FIGHTING 69th in 1949 it has been customary for all who are associated with the movement to observe a triduum of prayer on the occasion of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8. This practice was inaugurated in view of the fact that the Campaigners hold a special devotion to Mary in their pursuit of social purity and decency.

Campaigners will observe the triduum again this year—but with special emphasis. They will lead American Catholic youth in the opening of the Marian Year, set for December 8, 1954, by direction of the Holy Father.

The triduum this year, therefore, has a twofold purpose:

First, it will give all Campaigners a chance to honor the Mother of God in her position as Patroness of the United States.

Secondly, Campaigners will pray that Our Blessed Patroness will shower many graces upon this country during the Marian Year of 1954. That we need those graces goes without saying.

Accordingly, we are asking all Campaigners to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion on the three days preceding and including the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Included in this should be the renewal of the FIGHTING 69th pledge.

The FIGHTING 69th is a movement in which youth pledge themselves to a better social observance of the 6th and 9th Commandments. It is open to all unmarried youth of high school age or over. Servicemen and women are especially welcome.

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Young Readers and Writers

ALMA SAVAGE, Children's Page Editor

Letter from Alma

SOME day a few of our young readers will be grown up readers and will be planning a trip to Rome. Whether we are among those few fortunate people or not, we can't know now—the most unexpected things can happen. What doesn't seem possible this year may take place happily the following year. Meanwhile, all of us, I know, are interested in learning everything we can about that wonderful city—Rome.

The last few days I have come on to some excellent information about it. The material came from Bishop Thomas J. Feeney, S.J., of the Marshall and the Caroline Islands who returned from a visit with Our Holy Father. Each Bishop throughout the world must visit our Holy Father every so often.

While there Bishop Feeney saw the Church of the Holy Cross, and he has told us why it is named so (its full name is the Church of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem). As you will see this explanation has to do with the history of the wonderful relics the church contains.

After Our Lord's death the instruments of the crucifixion were buried in a hole nearby. This was in keeping with the custom of the time for the Jews considered that anything used for the death of a criminal was unclean.

Now the early Christians who lived around Jerusalem went so frequently to Golgotha and the Holy Sepulchre that both the Jews and the Pagans became suspicious and decided to put an end to this devotion. In order to make a thorough job of it the Emperor Adrian who ruled from 117 to 138 A.D., ordered that these places be destroyed. So the valley between Golgotha and the Sepulchre was filled with earth. That meant that the hill was destroyed and it was no longer possible to enter the tomb.

But here we come on to a very interesting fact and one that is found in the Roman records of the time. In order to make certain that the Christians would no longer be able to commemorate the Passion of Our Lord, the Emperor Adrian commanded that two pagan temples be built: one to Venus on what had been the hill of the crucifixion, and another to Jupiter over the Sepulchre. Adrian did not know how valuable was his contribution to the history of Christendom.

Wins A Victory

In less than two hundred years later—in the year 312 A.D., Constantine won the battle against Maxentius at Ponte Milvio. And so Constantine became Emperor, having conquered through the Sign of the Cross. He planned to build a great Christian basilica over Golgatha and the Sepulchre, and so he ordered that the temples of Venus and of Jupiter be demolished.

And here we come to the specially interesting part . . . St. Helena, the mother of Constantine, had been living in Europe, but her thoughts no doubt were taking wings toward the middle east where her son was making history. Then came the day when she was inspired to go to Jerusalem and find the true Cross, though at this time she was over eighty years old.

When she arrived there she found workmen busy removing the earth placed there by the Emperor Adrian some one hundred and eighty years before. Day by day St. Helena walked over the rough earth praying. She knew that God wanted her to find the Cross on which His Son had been crucified and she knew too that He would help her find it. We do not know how long a time was spent in her search, however, one day as she was tramping over the plowed up ground she stopped.

"Here," she said to the workmen, "You must dig at this spot."

How Would You Know?

First the men found the title of the Cross. This was a little wooden sign, worn almost smooth, but still clear enough to identify the words: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

Digging further they found the titles belonging to the crosses of the two thieves. (But remember, these markings were detached from the crosses themselves). Encouraged by their partial discovery the men continued their search and finally came on to the three crosses with the nails replaced in the holes. But they had no means of knowing which cross was that of Our Lord.

At this point, Macarius, the Bishop of Jerusalem took the three crosses to the house of a dying woman and prayed, saying:

"Dear Lord, show us with evidence which of the three crosses served for the Divine Glory . . . grant that at the touch of the salutary wood this dying woman may suddenly rise from death to life."

Returns To Rome

The Bishop touched the woman with one cross but there was no effect. He touched her with the second and still nothing happened. Then he applied the third cross and she immediately became well.

The True Cross had been discovered. It was September 14, in the year 320.

When St. Helena returned to Rome she brought with her half the Cross, part of the Title, one or two of the nails, the stairs from the Judgment House of Pilate, and a quantity of earth from Calvary. She had a chapel built in which to keep these relics. The site of the old Sessorian Palace where this chapel was built is also the spot where the Church of the Holy Cross now stands.

Under the floor was placed the earth from Calvary. These relics (wood from the True Cross, parts of Title piece with letters still legible (in Hebrew, Greek and Latin), one of the nails, two of the thorns, fragments of stone), are now kept in the new chapel which was built for the Holy Year, 1950. This new chapel with the relics continues the tradition begun by St. Helena over 1,600 years ago.

Good Reading

JESUS SON OF MARY is a delightful book for children written by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. It begins with the birth of Our Lord and it tells the story of His boyhood, His life and His death, and ends with Him saying: "It is better for you that I go." Then the author points out:

"It is His Spirit which comes into the souls of all who love Him. Everyone might not have been able to visit Him if He had stayed on earth, but everyone can receive the gifts and blessings of His Spirit."

This charming book has beautiful end papers, jacket, thirteen full pages and nine half pages of illustrations by Rafaello Busoni, many of them colored.

"Jesus Son Of Mary" by Bishop Sheen is published by McMullen Co., 22 Park Place, New York City. You can buy it from your bookseller ($1.00)

Hester and the Gnomes CHAPTER SEVEN

MARIGOLD HUNT

"It really looks," the President thought to himself as he started off on his exploration, "as if there may be some sort of inhabitants of this strange place, besides great hairy creatures with awful voices."

He was carefully avoiding the donkey, who was cropping grass busily in a way very alarming to anyone three inches high. She didn't see him, however, and he soon lost sight of her as he made his way through the rough, tufty grass. Walking through it was as difficult for him as walking through a thicket of young trees would be for us, and he was very thankful when he came out on the path Mr. Tann's feet had worn between the water tower and the kitchen garden. This path the President took to be a good, wide highway, and his spirits rose still further at such a clear sign that there were civilized inhabitants about.

He plodded along until he came to the gate into the garden, which seemed to him a hopeless wooden barrier. But walking to the right of the gate, he found the sweet-briar hedge that bounded the garden much easier to manage. The stems of the briars were far enough apart for him to slip through between them, with a careful eye on their thorns. Once through, he found himself in a forest of most curious trees. They were more of the size he expected things to be than anything else he had seen. All of them had thick green trunks with large spreading leaves at the top.

Where he could see up through the leaves it seemed that these trees had great round heads. Something about them made him think of stories he had heard when he was very young of palm trees and forests in the upper world, and of strange beasts that lived in them. Some of the most alarming of these beasts, he remembered, were called tigers—terrible furry striped animals, with gleaming eyes and long whiskers.

He had no sooner remembered about these awful animals than he saw one. It came bounding towards him through the trees, glowing eyes, waving tail, stripy body and all. The President fairly froze with fright. No kitten in a cabbage patch ever caused such alarm before. The kitten, whose name was Constance, and who was an idle little thing, more given to playing than hunting, saw him standing there and popped over to investigate. She patted the President with a soft paw, and to her horror he let out a wild yell. Constance fled for the barn, where she found her mother and told a tale of a tiny man in the cabbages who shouted at her. Her long-suffering mother gave her a sharp cuff and a lecture on making up silly stories when she should have been hunting.

Meantime the President sat down under a cabbage until his shaking legs would hold him up, and then he set off once more towards the light, for he was a brave little man and, once he had started to explore, he meant to go on with it, whatever horrible things he might meet on the way. He came out of the cabbages onto a gravel path without anything else happening to upset him. It seemed too unkind that just as he was crossing the path, the light went out.

(to be continued)

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The name Macaroni is credited to a thirteenth century king who, when he was first served the food, declared "Ma Caroni" which means "How very dear." The exact origin of macaroni is unknown but the Chinese recorded eating macaroni products as early as 5000 B.C.

The term "macaroni" or "macaroni products" includes macaroni, spaghetti and egg noodles in their great variety of shapes and sizes. The best quality macaronis and spaghettis are made from semolina, a hard or durum wheat product, and water. Egg noodles are made from the same mixture but have egg yolk solids added.

Macaroni cooking time varies with personal taste preferences and the shape and brand of macaroni used. Follow the directions on the package and avoid overcooking. Cook it in plenty of salted, rapidly boiling water. Gradually add the macaroni so that the water continues to boil. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, to prevent sticking. When tender, drain it immediately in a colander or large sieve. If it is to be used cold as in salads, cool it by running cold water over it.

The recipes here are given in ounces of macaroni products rather than in cups for your convenience. Try some of these nutritious dishes during the busy days ahead when school plays, bazaars and shopping leave you less time for meal preparation.

Deviled Spaghetti And Tuna

Here is a quickly prepared spaghetti meal with a new flavor and lots of food value.

1 tablespoon salt
3 quarts boiling water
8 ounces spaghetti
1 can condensed cream of asparagus soup (10½ oz.)
1 cup milk
1 can chunk style tuna (6½ oz.)
½ cup chopped cooked spinach
2 tablespoons lemon juice
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
¼ teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons grated onion

Add salt to rapidly boiling water. Gradually add spaghetti so that water continues to boil. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender. Drain in colander.

In a large bowl, combine remaining ingredients and mix well. Add cooked spaghetti; mix together gently. Turn into 4 to 6 greased individual baking dishes. Bake in moderate oven 350°F. for 25 minutes. Serve 4 to 6.

Macaroni Bacon Casserole

The salty flavor of bacon is always good with macaroni. Add the flavor of sharp cheese and tomato soup and it's the makings of a dish you can serve at any time.

1 tablespoon salt
3 quarts boiling water
8 ounces elbow macaroni
2 cans condensed tomato soup (10½ oz. cans)
1 cup sliced onions
½ teaspoon caraway seeds
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 cup grated Cheddar cheese
4 to 6 slices bacon

Add salt to rapidly boiling water. Gradually add macaroni and cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender; drain.

In a large bowl, combine soup, onions, seasonings and cheese; mix well. Add macaroni; mix lightly but thoroughly. Pour into a buttered 1½ quart casserole. Top with bacon slices. Bake in hot oven 400°F for 25 minutes or until macaroni is bubbly and bacon is browned. Serves 4 to 6.

Noodle Shrimp Casseroles

Here is a true gourmet dish—shrimp, mushrooms and noodles blended with sour cream and soy sauce.

1 tablespoon salt
3 quarts boiling water
8 ounces medium egg noodles
1 pound fresh or frozen shrimp
1 teaspoon salt
¼ cup butter or margarine
1 can sliced mushrooms, drained (3 oz.)
1 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon paprika
Grated processed American cheese

Cook noodles as spaghetti or macaroni. Add salt to boiling water; gradually add noodles and cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender and then drain.

Wash shrimp. Cook shrimp in very small amount of water and 1 teaspoon salt. Cook in covered saucepan over low heat until shrimp are pink in color (about 5 minutes). Drain; remove shell and black vein.

In a saucepan, melt butter; add mushrooms and saute 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in sour cream, soy sauce and paprika; mix thoroughly. Add cooked shrimp and noodles. Mix lightly and turn into individual casseroles or a 1½ quart baking dish. Top with grated cheese. Bake in moderate oven 375°F. for 10 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

Salmon Steaks With Noodles

The next time you are wondering what to serve with salmon steaks try this easy-to-fix noodle dish.

1 tablespoon salt
3 quarts boiling water
8 ounces egg noodles
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup (10½ oz.)
½ cup milk
Pepper
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
2½ tablespoons bottled or fresh lemon juice
¼ cup finely chopped parsley
Salt and pepper to taste
4 salmon steaks

Add salt to boiling water; gradually add noodles and cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until noodles are tender. Drain.

In a saucepan, combine cooked noodles, soup, milk and pepper heat thoroughly. In a smaller pan, melt butter over low heat; add lemon juice, parsley, salt and pepper. Place salmon steaks on broiler rack. Brush with lemon-butter sauce. Place rack in broiler about 3 inches from heat; broil about 7 minutes or until edges of salmon are browned. Turn salmon and brush with sauce. Broil until salmon is thoroughly cooked. Pour noodle mixture into shallow serving dish; top with salmon steaks and serve immediately. Serves 4.

Cheese Noodle Casserole

All of us are familiar with macaroni and cheese but few of us use noodles in a similar fashion. This noodle and cheese mixture is given a new flavor by the addition of caraway seeds.

1 tablespoon salt
3 quarts boiling water
8 ounces egg noodles
1 teaspoon caraway seeds
1 can condensed tomato soup (10½ oz.)
¼ pound grated American cheese

Add salt to boiling water; gradually add noodles and cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until noodles are tender. Drain.

Combine noodles and caraway seeds. Place noodle mixture, soup and cheese in layers in a buttered 1½ quart casserole. Bake in a moderate oven 350°F. for 25 to 30 minutes until bubbly and top is slightly browned. Serves 4.

DEVILED SPAGHETTI AND TUNA

This is the fifth Nancy Carey column to appear in **Our Sunday Visitor**. The fact that I have enjoyed writing each one of them isn't important. Of real importance is what you think of it. Are we giving you the information you enjoy and can use in your daily homemaking? I know how busy you are at this particular time but I do hope you will drop me a note and tell me what you would like to see included in the column and how you think we can improve it.

They Will Rise To Bless You

IF I were standing to be judged
Before the great white throne,
Where I could hear the righteous sing
And hear the sinners' moan,
I'd want no greater advocate to make my final plea,
Than just a boy or girl who'd say,
"He did a lot for me."

Anon

While Americans contribute well towards all kinds of charity and more particularly for the recreation of youth, the individual seldom thinks of trying to help a particular boy or girl who is neglected at home, or who has no home.

If we should make a saint out of any child, we would probably receive the grace we need to make saints out of ourselves. Christ promised much to those who take an interest in His "least brethren."

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, which is instructing and guiding children, is an agency which the Holy Father would have operating in every parish. Why do you not get into it, or into the Legion of Mary, or the St. Vincent de Paul, or the Third Order of St. Francis, or of St. Dominic, and become lay apostles? Those whom you help will rise one day to bless you.

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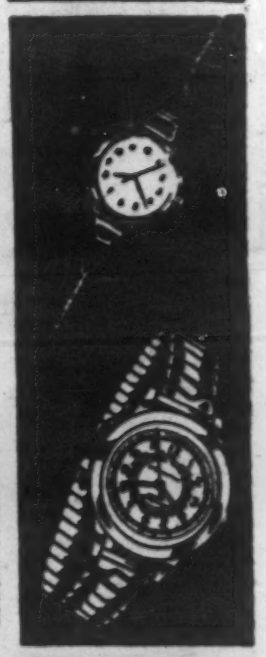

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CHARLIE CALLAHAN'S

Sportscasting

THE silly season is upon us. And yet it is a silliness that does some good. What am I talking about? The All American picking season. Everybody does it. How a sports writer in Tuscaloosa, California is qualified to vote for the merits of a gifted end playing at a school 2,000 miles away, and whom he has never seen . . . well, I can't give a logical answer. But still, as I say, everybody does it. And it does add to the fun and hoopla of football, and to more interest in the game. And, anything that adds more interest to the game, certainly won't make me mad.

I would prefer that the selections be made after the season. As it is, they are picked in mid-season to meet the deadlines of magazines coming out the first of December. But, I suppose, just about the same boys would be picked at season's end. Anyhow . . . to go on record . . . there are a million ways you can criticize the practice . . . but, I for one, think they're all right. Not the selections, necessarily, but the practice.

But this All-America business can go so far, and then I think it is time to call a halt. I have in front of me a letter which sez: "Dear Sir—The Pipe and Tobacco Council, an organization interested in furthering the popularity of one of the nation's oldest traditions—pipe smoking—is conducting its first annual poll to select an All-American football team of pipe smokers."

As I said, there comes a time to call a halt. So this voice sayeth in a loud cry: HALT.

College Records

Let's look over some of the Catholic college teams' records. Boston College, under Mike Holovak, after opening with a tie and two losses, boasted a record of four wins, three losses, and the aforementioned deadlock.

Holy Cross, coached by the capable Dr. Eddie Anderson, ran into some trouble after a fast start, and had an all-even four-four record for eight games. Understand, practically all of these marks are being given when there was a game or two to go.

Detroit, where Dutch Clark is the bossman, was just like Holy Cross—four and four.

Villanova made a great promotional start, with the better than 90,000 attracted to its first game, but the success ended there, for after eight games, it was two wins and six setbacks.

St. Ambrose, and St. Joseph's, in the middle west, were both struggling with two-and-six records. Well, there's always next season.

Doing very well, thank you, however, has been Marquette, up in Milwaukee town. Maybe the Braves' winning habits rubbed off on the Hilltoppers. Mr. Theodore Carpenter, the kindly public relations director at Marquette, would be more than pleased if I would say a few nice words about the Golden Avalanche, and they are certainly forthcoming. Being a bit ahead of myself, I'm writing this before the Michigan State finale took place, but at least over the first nine games, the Milwaukee lads did a real good piece of work in compiling six wins, two losses and a tie. This is the best Marquette record in a good many years. Following an easy 46-13 triumph over South Dakota State, the Hilltoppers walloped a good Cincinnati club, 46-7. And this was the only defeat suffered by Cincinnati. Next came one of the country's better teams, Wisconsin, and the Badgers were most content to escape with a 13-11 victory. Another heart-breaking loss to another Big Ten opponent followed, when Indiana squeaked out a last minute 21-20 win, with an unfortunate last period penalty going against the Hill Toppers. But then came brighter days. Arizona went down, 14-0. A 20-20 tie with the College of the Pacific was followed by successive victories over Boston University, 7-6, Detroit, 19-0, and Holy Cross, 13-7. I honestly thought Holy Cross would grab this last one, and Marquette's victory put the Milwaukee school up among the best.

Much credit should go to Marquette Coach Lisle Blackbourn. This was his fourth year as head man of the Hilltoppers. Previously, in his regime, the Golden Avalanche had an even .500 mark. Prior to becoming head coach, he served one year assistantships at Marquette and Wisconsin, and before that in 22 seasons at Milwaukee's Washington high school, he attained no fewer than 11 city championships.

They Made It

This is a story about two Coshocton, Ohio men going to the Navy-Notre Dame game from their home domain. The names, Art Berry and John Tisonyai. They were scheduled to leave the old home town on a special football excursion train coming through from Steubenville. It was to pass through Coshocton just after midnight, Friday night. Their story is that the train was 20 minutes ahead of time. At any rate, they missed it. They tried to get another train, but were told that nothing was available. It was also no luck when they inquired at the bus station for any available connections. But a mail train did come through and they talked a trainman into letting them ride to Columbus on this. At Columbus, they found that they could not make a train or a plane connection. At 4:20 a.m., they took a bus for South Bend. Arriving at Toledo at 9:20, they learned they faced a lay-over which would cause them to miss the game. Again, they made an inquiry with reference to plane travel. This time, they were successful. They flew to South Bend. At the airport, they grabbed a cab and were in their seats in time for the kickoff. The Steubenville excursion train back did not leave South Bend until 11 p.m., but it is said that Mr. Berry and Mr. Tisonyai were in the depot at 7:00 p.m.

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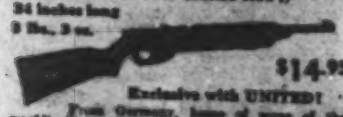

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tional Capital, which belongs to all Americans.

Thousands of candidates for the priesthood from all parts of the United States have received Holy Orders in its Crypt. The Crypt has for years been the scene of some of the country's most colorful religious ceremonies, and virtually every American Bishop has participated in services there. There each year is offered the Mass commemorating the coronation of the Pope, and it is the center of the annual observance of the Church Unity Octave.

The total building area on one floor level of the Shrine is 77,500 square feet. The total volume of the Shrine is about 7,000,000 cubic feet. Its Crypt, or lower church, built some 20 years ago, is, by reason of its gross area, the largest crypt in the world.

When completed, more than 250,000 cubic feet of stone and granite will have been used on the exterior of the structure. Limestone to be used will come from Indiana or Alabama. Its walls, great piers, etc., will require 25,000,000 bricks to build. In addition 170,000 bags of cement will be required to form the 32,000 cubic yards of concrete in the structure above the existing foundations.

APPOINTED ARCHBISHOP—The Most Rev. William D. O'Brien, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and president of the Catholic Church Extension Society, has been elevated to the rank of Archbishop by Pope Pius XII.

Some 125 Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops attended the jubilee celebration in Chicago on November 22 when Archbishop O'Brien pontificated at a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in the same Holy Name Cathedral where he was baptized, made his first confession and Communion, was confirmed and ordained. In the same Cathedral in 1934 he was consecrated titular Bishop of Clynda. He now retains the same titular see which temporarily has been raised to an archbishopric.

Will Endure For Centuries

The structure of the building will be completely of masonry. Therefore, no structural steel beams or columns will be used. Structurally, the Shrine will be built in a manner similar to the great ecclesiastical monuments of the past which have clearly demonstrated their capacity to endure century upon century.

The entire ceiling area will consist of great vaults and domes that support not only their weight but that of the roof structure as well. The thrust and weight of these vaults and domes will be carried by the foundations through great piers and massive walls.

The architects have been and will be engaged in the study of the design and the preparation of working drawings and details for a period of some fifteen years. It is estimated that at least some five years will be consumed in the erection of the superstructure alone, and at least another two years in the completion of the interior.

The present foundations below the crypt are of reinforced concrete. The most conspicuous parts are the four great piers that will support the central dome of the Shrine. Each is about 65 feet square, containing 1,100 cubic yards of concrete and is designed to carry a weight of 10,000 tons apiece, or a total imposed load of 40,000 tons.

Design Is 'American'

Although its architectural inspiration, particularly the interior, remotely recalls the spirit of St. Mark's in Venice, the National Shrine has little or no archeological resemblance to any church. It is noble, American, befitting its national setting and significance.

The shrine is situated on a ten-acre tract that permits an agreeable perspective from all avenues of approach, and allows the design to provide an ample terrace with a level platform for processions and general circulation.

The facade of the Shrine will be dominated by a lofty tower, or campanile, terminated by a slender masonry pyramid and crowned by three terraces of open arcading. The sculptural enrichment of the facade will consist of innumerable statues of those in Christian history who were particularly associated with the devotion to our Blessed Lady.

Cruciform in design, the dominant feature of the Shrine will be its massive dome located at the crossing of the nave and transept. Elevated upon a polygonal stone drum, the dome itself will be covered with patterned polychrome ceramic tile.

Persons will enter the Shrine through a wide narthex into the broad nave flanked by ambulatories and side chapels. The interior walls, from marble floor to the spring-line of the vaults, will be faced with foreign marbles.

The dominant feature of the interior, like the exterior, will be the great dome of decorated Gustavino tile vaulting. The same material, similarly decorated, will form the lesser domes and vaults which will comprise the ceiling for the remainder of the structure.

Recall Rosary's Mysteries

Radiating from the main altar, the apse divides itself into three major semi-circular portions dedicated to the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Each apse will further sub-divide into five chapels representing the fifteen Mysteries altogether.

The general impression created by the completed Shrine will be one of majesty and power. Its upper church will seat 3,000 persons, and it will have a total capacity of 8,000 persons. As this church will have no pews, the interior view will be unequalled for splendor and grandeur. The great sanctuary will accommodate the entire Hierarchy of the United States and several hundred ecclesiastics, and still leave ample room for the most impressive ceremon-

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kindnesses. And, not the least of these kindnesses was the fact that the Joseph Kennedy home was my home during my stay in Cork City. The Kennedy's know what it means to "put up" a priest. They have a young Franciscan now studying in Rome who will be ordained in four years.

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U.S. Bishops Uphold 'Dignity Of Man'

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by society. Marxism, changing the formula, gives the same false primacy to external circumstances —man's goodness will depend upon the economic system under which he lives. But the exclusive dependence on economic security and social reform to right the wrongs of mankind is by no means confined to Marxism. It affects the thought of great masses of men who reject the fundamental tenets of Marxism.

While we have deep sympathy with all people in their craving for economic security, and while we acknowledge the evils, individual and spiritual as well as social, which often flourish in a society when many are forced to live in conditions of degrading poverty, yet we cannot refrain from pointing out the fact that man's goodness is from within. It depends upon man's personal convictions and upon his efforts aided by God's grace. Economic and social reform, to be effective, must be preceded by personal reform. The perfection of a society may not be measured by the moral goodness of the individuals who compose it; but the goodness of a society cannot rise above the goodness of its members.

The position of the Church relative to the economic order is based on the principle that the rights man possesses as an individual and the function he fulfills in society are inseparable. Many of the rights of the individual depend upon the function he fulfills in society. Capital and labor from this point of view are related and made inseparable by the common good of society. This is the cardinal foundation of social justice. The right of the capitalist to his business and to his profits and interest, and the right of the laborer to his wages and his union, are both conditioned by their service to the common good.

Man's Dignity And Labor

It is only in the light of the spiritual worth of man that the dignity and importance of labor become evident. Labor is not something detached from the rest of life. Economically, it is bound up with capital as a co-partner in production. Socially, it is bound up with leisure as an avenue to cultural enrichment. Spiritually, it is bound up with the soul's development and with salvation. The worker is not a hand, as individualistic capitalism contends; not a stomach to be fed by commissars, as Communism thinks; but a person who through his labor establishes three relations: with God, with his neighbor, and with the whole natural world.

First of all, work unites us to God not only by its ascetic character and through the discipline it imposes on man by subjugating his lower passions to order and reason, but principally because, through the intention of the worker, the material universe is brought back again to God.

Second, labor is also the bond uniting man to man, a kind of school of social service, a base of human solidarity, a testimonial to man's insufficiency without his neighbor. In working with others, man ratifies his social dependence and performs an act of natural charity, because he helps create utility for others and thus promotes the happiness of his fellow men. The Catholic view, it will be noted, here adds that labor must always be used, not to dissociate ourselves from our neighbor, but to unite us with him. The greater the material advancement of any country, therefore, the more energetic should be its spirit of neighborliness.

Finally, work unites us with nature. It does this by enabling us to share in the creative work of God and by making each of us, in the language of St. Paul, "a helper of God." God, the supreme Artist, has communicated artistic causality to men, so that they can now make things and shape events to the image and likeness of their own ideas. The marriage of man's intelligence and will with the material world and the natural forces with which he is surrounded becomes a fruitful union, and from them is generated a culture.

In transmitting culture from generation to generation, it is the purpose of education to safeguard and develop the dignity of man. At the end of the 18th century our first president spoke of religion and morality as indispensable supports of political prosperity. At the end of the 19th century our highest court declared "The reasons presented affirm and reaffirm that this is a religious nation."

What is true of our political prosperity and our nation is true as well of our Western culture in general. Yet everywhere modern education is being drained of moral content through the movement which is known as Secularism. It has been well said that the education of the soul is the soul of education. Therefore when education tries to thrive in a religious and moral vacuum, and does not aspire to impart a set of principles and a hierarchy of values, it degenerates into a dead and deadening juxtaposition of facts.

And even worse. For though it tries to thrive in a moral vacuum, education can never really be neutral in practice. It has been truly said that "Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants." Similarly, education must inculcate a godly outlook, or it will inculcate a materialistic one. And there is no word for dignity in the vocabulary of materialism.

Every day in holy Mass, Almighty God is addressed as He Who wondrously established the dignity of man, and restored it more wondrously still. Only by regaining our reverence for God can we of America in the 20th century rediscover both our own value and the solid basis on which it rests. We must at the same time expend every effort to see that this dignity is reflected in our sense of decency, made aware of itself by education, nurtured by society, guarded by the state, stabilized by private ownership, and exercised through creative activity.

The alternative is increasing chaos. The words of a contemporary historian of culture, Christopher Dawson, may serve to summarize the issues at stake: "Unless we find a way to restore the contact between the life of society and the life of the spirit, our civilization will be destroyed by forces which it has had the knowledge to create but not the wisdom to control."

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ies. In addition to the magnificent main altar, which will be the personal gift of the Bishops and priests of the United States, there will be 28 other altars in the Upper Church. These, of course, do not include the two-score or more altars in the splendid Crypt beneath the sanctuary. The Crypt, finished in Romanesque style, accommodates 1,200 persons.

Begun Thirty Years Ago

The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was begun to give the United States what many countries already gloried in —a great national monument in honor of the Blessed Mother. It is a beautiful votive church conceived as a lasting monument of the love American Catholics have for the Mother of God, and in it will be gathered some of the world's best art, literature and historical data relating to her life.

The Shrine project was not promulgated until it was laid before Pope Pius X by James Cardinal Gibbons, then Archbishop of Baltimore, in an audience at the Vatican in 1914. Later, in a special audience granted Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, the then Rector of the Catholic University of America, the Pontiff made a generous donation to the work, saying he owed so much to Mary Immaculate that he had both the right and the duty to further her honor before the whole world. In a letter to Cardinal Gibbons, the Pope expressed the wish that the Catholics of the United States would soon contribute the means through which would arise this masterpiece of religious architecture.

Pope Benedict XV wrote to Cardinal Gibbons and the American Bishops saying: "Let the good work be pushed rapidly to completion, and for that purpose let everyone who glories in the name of Catholic contribute more abundantly than usual to the collections for this church."

Pope Benedict XV expressed his deep interest in the project in still another way. He commissioned artists to go to Madrid and copy meticulously the world famous painting of the Immaculate Conception executed by Murillo, and which is treasured in the Prado Museum. Then he directed the Vatican mosaic works to reproduce this painting faithfully.

Benedict XV died before this large and laborious work could be completed, but his promise was carried out by his successor, Pope Pius XI, who had the finished work delivered to the Shrine. In nearly two decades, thousands of pilgrims have viewed this magnificent work of art in the Crypt. It will have an honored place in the completed Shrine. Viewed from the front, the mosaic looks like an oil painting, so perfectly have the artists done their work. It is only when one looks from the side that he can detect the presence of thousands upon thousands of pieces of enamel.

The present pontiff, His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, has also glowingly endorsed the building of this Holy Shrine.

His Excellency Archbishop (later Cardinal) John Bonzano, then the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, blessed the site of the Shrine on May 20, 1920. Some 6,000 persons attended the Field Mass he celebrated on this occasion.

Women throughout the United States bearing the name Mary pooled their contributions and presented to the Shrine, in 1927, the magnificent Mary Altar in the Crypt Church. It is a solid 5,000 pound block of semi-transparent golden onyx from Algeria. It has a base of travertine marble. Sunk into the body of the altar are 14 niches with golden mosaic background. In the niches are exquisite small statues of Christ, the twelve Apostles and St. Paul.

Fine marble from a score of countries is worked into the extensive floor of the Crypt Church. The ceiling of the Crypt is supported by varied and beautiful marble columns from as many different lands.

Symbols which the early Christians carved on the walls of the Roman Catacombs provided the principal motive in the decoration of the Crypt Church. However, in the Crypt these ancient symbols of the Christian Faith are delicately executed in rich ceramics.

The foundation stone of the Shrine was laid on September 24, 1920, by James Cardinal Gibbons, then Archbishop of Baltimore, which See then embraced the City of Washington. In preaching the sermon on that occasion Bishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., (later Archbishop of Cincinnati) scored the wave of materialism spreading over the world, the rise of revolutionary doctrines of government and the laxity of the marriage tie, which, he declared, had given rise to erroneous standards of living.

In addition to Cardinal Gibbons, William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston; eleven other Archbishops — (including three who later became Cardinals—Dennis J. Dougherty of Philadelphia, George W. Mundelein of Chicago and John Joseph Glennon of St. Louis); 56 Bishops; the ambassadors, ministers or other diplomats from 24 foreign countries; high Government officials and some 6,000 persons attended the cornerstone laying.

Present plans for completing the National Shrine have been developed by an Episcopal Committee under the leadership of Archbishop John F. Noll of Fort Wayne, who throughout the years since the Shrine was started has urged its completion.

Archbishop Noll urged that a collection be gathered in every parish church once each year for five years, and plans were made for work to be begun on the Shrine in 1954, the centenary of the proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. To date approximately $4,000,000 has been gathered, and it is hoped that the balance of $8,000,000 will be contributed by the 30,000,000 Catholics of the nation on December 6.

The Shrine will be America's tribute to our patroness, Mary Immaculate.

Dimensions Of The National Shrine

Length, Outside Measurement	459	Feet
Length, Inside Measurement	399	"
Width, Outside At Transepts	240	"
Width, Inside Exclusive of Porches	180	"
Width, Across Nave Outside Measurement	157	"
Width of Nave	58	"
Height of Campanile to Top of Cross	316	"
Height of Roof	120	"
Height of Dome to Top of Cross	237	"
Height of Dome, Interior Measurement	159	"
Height of Nave, Interior Measurement	100	"
Diameter of Dome, Outside Measurement	108	"
Diameter of Dome, Inside Measurement	89	"
Capacity Seated—Approximately	3000	Plus
Capacity Total	6000	Plus

Answers To Brother Michael's Quiz

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1. We receive forgiveness of sins through Christ's name.

2. The chief attributes of the Catholic Church are authority, infallibility and indefectibility.

3. By the authority of the Catholic Church is meant that Peter and the apostles and their successors have power from Christ Himself to teach, sanctify and govern the faithful in spiritual matters.

4. The Pope and bishops, as the lawful successors of Peter and the apostles, were to exercise the authority of the Catholic Church after the death of Peter and the apostles.

5. After the baptism of Cornelius Peter went to Jerusalem.

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Six O'Clock Mass

What Has Gone Before

The altar boy at the daily six o'clock Mass in St. Jude's parish is Joseph Patrick McGonigle, Jr., an 18-year-old high school senior. With his best friend, Vincent Palina, they are the star battery on the high school baseball team. They plan to attend college together until Vince breaks the news that he wants to enter the Maryknoll Seminary. Joe is undecided whether he wants to keep the pitcher-catcher combination together.

5. Three Warriors Cheer For God

"THREE cheers for God," said Father James—in the correct liturgical form: "Gloria in excelsis Deo." He opened his arms, raising them toward Heaven and brought them close to his breast—a gesture such as cheer leaders use at football games.

The words in the Missal read: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will." Christianity had come into being when that song was sung to shepherds by angelic choirs. It is a song so sacred that until the year 1000 A.D. only Bishops were allowed to use it. Then, priests, privileged to say it only on Easter, petitioned the Pope. They wanted to say the Gloria too, and give God brilliant celebrity with praise. Pope Hilarion put it in the Mass for all.

None of those attending the Mass at St. Jude's knew or cared who composed it. They took up the cheering:

"We praise Thee; we bless Thee; we worship Thee; we glorify Thee; we give Thee thanks for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty."

Glory! To Father James the words meant simply giving to God his due, publicly, for the Mass is a public act. For Himself he had no desire for honors. He had all he wanted in his priesthood and his pastorate, and his plain black cassock was sign enough of his high vocation, which was to make God's will the first condition of all he thought and did.

Of the high world and its glory he knew little by direct experience. But among his regulars at the six o'clock Mass were two men who did. Former Ambassador Adrian Stoneleigh had had a vision of glory as a young man. Reared on a colonial estate in Maryland, he had lived to see the leisurely life of his ancestors changed by the industrial development of America. In his boyhood at school in Toledo, he had seen the grandeur that was Spain. As soon as possible after his graduation from Georgetown, he entered the Foreign Service of the American State Department. He had been in Havana when the U.S.S. Maine blew up. He risked his career to declare that no Spaniard had done the job. He had strong evidence to indicate that an unhappy and suicidal American officer had set off the disaster. His reward was a transfer to the Far East.

Coming out of Korea, he had seen the Japanese ships barely floating after they sank the Russian fleet coming to the relief of Port Arthur. As soon as he could cross the Pacific and the United States, he put the facts before Theodore Roosevelt. The pattern for the future had already been written.

His next duty was amid the grandeur of St. Petersburg. He groaned over the suffering that was mirrored in countless faces. He was annoyed that he and his wife had to live under the shadow of constant espionage. But in his own tension, he understood why the imperial dam broke and the street flowed with the blood of revolt. Then he shuddered with apprehension as Trotsky and Lenin took an empire with a thousand men. Their weakness begot fiendish cruelty.

He was glad to return to order and sanity in Washington. Joyfully he and his wife accepted appointment to Mexico, hoping to raise their four sons in health and strength in a peaceful city set on a mountain. But there was no peace. Mexico exploded with hate and fear. The Church was the easiest target for wrath. He reported that the religious persecution was a brutal fraud to cover up plunder in oil. Later, Stoneleigh discovered that a slick American publicity man had arranged with the revolutionary leaders to persecute the Church so that the American Army might not be used to collect for New York banks. It was a simple formula: publicize the atrocities against the Church; American Catholics will protest; and anti-Catholic prejudice can be stirred up to keep the American Army out of the Mexican oil fields. The American publicity man became a millionaire.

Stoneleigh and his wife had modest inheritances which had been handed down carefully from generation to generation. Great fluid wealth was not in their tradition. They co-operated in teaching their boys, not how to make money, but how to be highly civilized men of honor.

Watching the world disintegrate under the hammers of Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin, Stoneleigh urged his sons to prepare for war. They remembered what he said at dinner one evening. "The 'gentleman' is a medieval designation of a Christian warrior whose code of honor required that he protect women and children and the aged by hard arms and high valor. He was called gentle because he was gentle to those he protected. The men who led the American Revolution were gentlemen."

The boys knew that they were descended on both sides from several of those leaders. They realized what was expected of them.

One of these boys died in a crash as an aviation cadet. Two served in the Navy as deck officers, and the youngest, a Marine, seemed dedicated to the collection of medals and Purple Hearts.

Retirement had come with the beginning of World War II, and Mrs. Stoneleigh did not long survive the boy who was killed. The three sons could not reach their mother's deathbed. The old ambassador grieved alone. He spent the remainder of the war writing letters to his boys, long letters, full of news and care.

When the organization for the United Nations was being set up in San Francisco, he was sent there by the State Department, as were many other men experienced in protocol. He soon understood that the new organization was intended to be little more than a sounding board for small Nations, and that it had no solid foundation in international law. Everyone was afraid of Molotov.

On his own account he waylaid various heads of missions and begged them, "Please give the name of God a place in this—or else the United Nations Organization will be used as provocation for another war. You cannot have international order without justice, and you cannot have justice without recognition of God as judge."

They were afraid that Molotov would veto God!

But Stoneleigh was proud that the President of the United States when he stood on the stage of the San Francisco Opera House had the moral courage to ask God's blessing on the work.

When his three surviving sons came home to him, Stoneleigh gave them a dinner and, lifting the wine, toasted them:

"To your careers in the armed services."

"What?" they asked in unison. "Didn't you help us all to prepare for careers in civilian life?"

"I did," he said, "but there will be no peace in our time, barring miraculous heavenly intervention. We and the Western Nations have tried to compromise with an anti-God state whose rulers plan the conquest of the world. God will not be mocked. Men who honor God will fight."

So the three boys stayed in the services, and Adrian Stoneleigh took residence in a city where he was not well known. When he presented his card to Father James on his arrival he said:

"Living is too expensive where I am known. I can't accomplish anything with idle talk among other retired men. I'd rather talk to God. What time is your earliest weekday Mass?"

So it happened that the old ambassador, along with the other regulars, was in St. Jude's this October morning cheering for God. He cheered for God along with Father James who was saying:

"O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Jesus Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high in the glory of the Father."

As Father James finished his cheering for God, he bowed down in token of humility, kissed the altar as if to imbibe from it strength and grace, spread his arms again as if to take in all his flock in affectionate prayer, and with charity challenged all unbelievers by saying simply:

"Dominus vobiscum—The Lord be with you."

Trivial things sometimes start wars. This "Dominus vobiscum" was seemingly trivial, but it stirred the old ambassador this morning as he followed his missal. To him it was an invitation to fight. Surely he was on the Lord's side, but he, the coward, so he accused himself, was not fighting. He had surrendered to inaction and was confining all his remaining effort in this world to prayer. No Christian may be a defeatist or ever surrender. If the Lord was with him and with his spirit, he ought to do something about it!

So he resolved then and there to start a warfare of his own. He had friends all over the world in twenty different governments, and in fifty different embassies: loyal friends who respected his integrity. They could and would read his letters.

To his friend, the Ambassador of Turkey to France, he wrote that day:

"Vigilance is the price of freedom. We all face a godless force which recognizes no law. Moslem or Christian, our destinies may soon be intertwined."

And to the Ambassador of Nationalist China at the Vatican, he pleaded:

"Arouse your countrymen that their ancestral glory may not be crushed by a ruthless corrupter of your youth. The price of compromise with this destroyer of traditions is slavery of the mind, as well as of the body."

For twenty years he had known the Ambassador to Washington of a great European power. To him he wrote:

"The trouble with our world is that too many people are out of touch with God. The day of easy Christianity is gone—if it was ever here. In vain have our young shed their blood in the frightful holocaust of World War II unless we fight as soldiers of Christ."

One letter was later to open a door behind the Iron Curtain that fell in China. It speaks for itself:

"My only purpose in writing," he addressed a charge d'affaires of India in Peking, "is to assure you and the peace-loving people of India that we in the United States plan for peace, pray for peace, and will pay any price for a lasting peace based upon justice."

Most of the letters were properly acknowledged. A few were returned. The answers made him more insistent in his daily entreaties before the altar of St. Jude's.

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By REV. EDWARD W. O'ROURKE

Two Price System

The present Farm Program will remain in effect until June of next year. The Administration in Washington is trying to formulate a new plan which will guarantee reasonable security to farmers and yet will not cause greater food surpluses.

One of the proposals repeatedly suggested is the two price system. There have been some indications that Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Benson, is seriously considering putting this proposal into operation. We take a firm stand against this type of Farm Program. Let us explain what the plan involves and our reasons for opposing it.

The Plan

There are several types of two price systems. All types, however, involve the same essential features; namely, one price, for example 90 percent of parity, would be paid for the produce used for domestic human consumption; the remainder of the produce would be sold at a lower price for exportation or for alternate domestic uses.

The two price system would be an effective means of price support for only a very few farm commodities. This system can be used only in connection with those commodities for which a consistent demand will continue even though a high price is maintained for it. This is true of wheat in the United States. Since bread and other wheat products do not constitute a sizable portion of our food, the amount of wheat consumed will not be greatly affected by the price exacted for it. Meat, corn, cotton, and most other basic farm commodities could not be sold on a two-price basis. Consumption of these commodities would decline sharply if the price exacted for them were out of line with that of substitutes to which the consumer might easily turn.

Wheat and World Markets

Some propose that the two price system be maintained in the marketing of wheat and another program be arranged for corn, cotton, livestock and other basic commodities. Even in regard to wheat the two price system labors under some serious limitations. In order to maintain such a system, tariff on the import of wheat into this country would necessarily be raised. According to our present Reciprocal Trade Agreements we have reduced tariff on wheat imports to 21c per bushel.

An increase of tariff on wheat at this time would have tragic effects upon international economic relationships. The National Catholic Rural Life Conference and almost all agricultural economists and farm organizations have hailed Reciprocal Trade Agreements as sound and timely. The need for more free world trade is one of the most urgent economic considerations of our time. To reverse this trend in order to establish a two price system seems quite unreasonable. Farm Programs are an effort to readjust a domestic economic problem. In so far as it is possible, we must not let such a Farm Program adversely affect our international relationships.

Competing with Corn

The second feature of a two price system for wheat would be the dumping of cheap wheat upon domestic markets as a substitute for corn and other livestock feed. In view of the fact that we already have a dangerously large surplus of corn, such a movement would not be a solution of our farm problems but merely a temporary escape from them. Indeed the consequent of competition between corn and wheat or similar commodities might be a serious complication of the already difficult situation with which farmers are faced.

To all who have followed the debate over Farm programs during recent months, it becomes abundantly clear that there is no easy solution for the problems involved. Almost every economist who has written about these matters lists six or seven proposed Farm Programs and then proceeds to show the serious shortcomings of each of them. A study of history shows that the task of providing a fair income to farmers has vexed nations since the beginning of civilization. Patience and a spirit of fair play is indispensable in the face of a situation of this sort.

Requiescant

JOSEPH J. GIESE

Fort Wayne — Joseph J. Giese, 64, died last week at his home in Pleasant Township after a two-month illness. He was well known in the area as a farmer and carpenter and took an active part in the affairs of the St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Yoder.

Mr. Giese was a trustee of the church and president of its St. Vincent de Paul Society. He also was a member of the Holy Name Society. Surviving are the widow, three sons, two brothers and four sisters including Sister Mary Clementia, O.S.F., Joliet, Ill.

CEIL WEILER

Michigan City — Funeral services were held in Immaculate Conception church, here, November 20, for Ceil Weiler, 52. Miss Weiler was vice regent for the Indiana Court of the Daughters of Isabella and past grand regent for the local council. She died in St. Anthony's hospital after a year long illness.

MRS. CORA KASTNER

Kendallville — Mrs. Cora M. Kastner, 68, died in the McCary Memorial hospital, here, after a month's illness. A long time resident of this city, she was a member of Immaculate Conception church and its Rosary Society. Surviving are two sons, a brother and sister and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Regina Rainey, 64, St. Peter, Fort Wayne.

Stephen A. Matuszewski, 65, St. Adalbert, South Bend.

Genevieve R. Kowalski, 39, Holy Cross, South Bend.

Mrs. Agnes Clersnak, St. Stanislaus, South Bend.

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Ruth Ann Wisniewski, infant, St. Andrew, Fort Wayne.

Stanislaw Bikty, 79, St. Hyacinth, Fort Wayne.

Leo J. Voirol, 42, St. Louis, Besancon.

Coming Events

The Rosary Society of St. Andrew's parish, **Fort Wayne**, will hold a benefit party, open to the public, Sunday, November 29, at 8 p.m. This will be the party originally scheduled for November 22.

The Geels Family will furnish the music at a Square Dance to be held December 4 at 8:30 p.m. This event is being sponsored by the Decatur Knights of Columbus council.

Chicken Supper will be held in connection with the centennial celebration at St. Mary's parish, **Avilla**, on Sunday, December 6. Serving will begin at 4 p.m. in the Avilla high school gymnasium and the public is invited.

The Third Order of St. Francis, St. Felix Fraternity, will hold an open meeting in the Social Room at St. Mary's school, Huntington, December 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Archbishop Noll Says . . .

Lewd Literature Does More Harm Than Schools Do Good

Washington —(NC)— Lewd literature is doing more harm to the morals of American youths than the schools are doing good for them, Archbishop John F. Noll told the U.S. Bishops at their annual meeting here.

The Bishop of Fort Wayne reported as chairman of the Committee on the National Organization for Decent Literature.

Archbishop Noll declared that Catholics alone cannot build the dikes to hold back the flood of indecent reading material. "We need the cooperation of non-Catholics," the Archbishop said.

He reported that at NODL meetings during the past year the opening of a national office was discussed, whose character would not be regarded as strictly Catholic. This office, he said, "staffed with competent persons, should be one to which publishers could come to seek help and through which public opinion might be aroused in every community."

Archbishop Noll reported that most of the lewd literature is distributed in the form of pocket-size books. He said that during the past year alone some 270 million of these books were sold by ten U. S. publishers.

"Many have innocent titles," he said, "but the contents of most of them are filthy. Some of them have flashy covers enticing the prurient-minded, but the contents may be a reproduction of some classic."

The Archbishop pointed out the disturbing fact that publication of this lewd literature is "supported by the editors of many metropolitan papers on the principle of 'freedom of the press.'"

Archbishop Noll also took note of printed smut in the comic field. He reported that one examination showed that 40 per cent of 450 comics were definitely bad for children, 50 per cent more were on the border line. "Many contained smutty and blasphemous language."

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Bishop Pursley Will Speak At N.D. Alumni Breakfast Dec. 6

Fort Wayne—The Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Fort Wayne will be the guest speaker at the 16th annual Communion Breakfast to be held by the Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne on December 6.

A high Mass will be held in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 8 a.m. in memory of the deceased alumni. The breakfast will follow in the Keenan Hotel.

This Fort Wayne event is part of a nationwide Notre Dame Communion Sunday. Theme for the day is success for the Marian Year recently declared by Pope Pius XII. It will start on December 8 and will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

Bishop Pursley, who has recently returned from a visit to Rome and other Marian shrines in Europe, will speak on the Marian Year.

On November 30, the Notre Dame club will hold its annual Football Smoker at the Centlivre Brewery. The business meeting will be followed by a football film of all of the 1952 Notre Dame football games.

Railroad Man Named 'Catholic Of The Year'

Brooklyn — (NC) — A retired Lehigh Railroad yardmaster, whose diversity of activities is remarkable, has been named outstanding Catholic layman of the year and 1953 recipient of the St. Vincent de Paul Medal to be conferred December 21 by St. John's University.

Richard F. Mulroy, 77, of Buffalo, has been selected for the award particularly for his work as president of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Buffalo and his 30 years of service as a volunteer in the Society's social service program.

Mr. Mulroy's participation in Catholic work, however, is not confined to work for the society. He is a 50-year member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Catholic Guild for the Blind in Buffalo. He has long been active in fund-raising for Catholic Charities in the Buffalo diocese. He is the father of five children and grandfather of eight.

Six K. Of C. Councils In Calumet Area Set Day Of Recollection

Knights of Columbus from six councils in the First district of Northern Indiana will gather Sunday, November 29, for the 14th annual Day of Recollection in Hammond's Bishop Noll High School and St. Margaret Mary Church.

The Day of Recollection will begin with a 12 o'clock Mass, followed by a dinner and conferences, climaxed with a Holy Hour.

Councils participating in the Day of Recollection are Unity of Hammond, Whiting, Twin City of East Chicago, St. Thomas of Gary, St. Clement of East Gary and Marquette of Griffith.

District Deputy John D. Enright of Hammond will preside over a brief program following the serving of dinner.

Catholic Activities chairmen of the six councils joined their efforts to help arrange the program.

Mrs. Ross Jordan Heads Parent-Nurses Association

Fort Wayne—Mrs. Ross Jordan has been elected president of the Parent-Nurses' Association of St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing.

Other new officers are Mrs. Lawrence Huber, vice-president; Mrs. Elmer Milotor, secretary; Joseph Kohrman, the group's representative to the hospital's Lay Advisory Committee.

The social committee is comprised of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sims, Huntington; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Filchak, Mr. and Mrs. William Bonner, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Overmeyer. Mrs. Vaughn O. Thornburg is publicity chairman.

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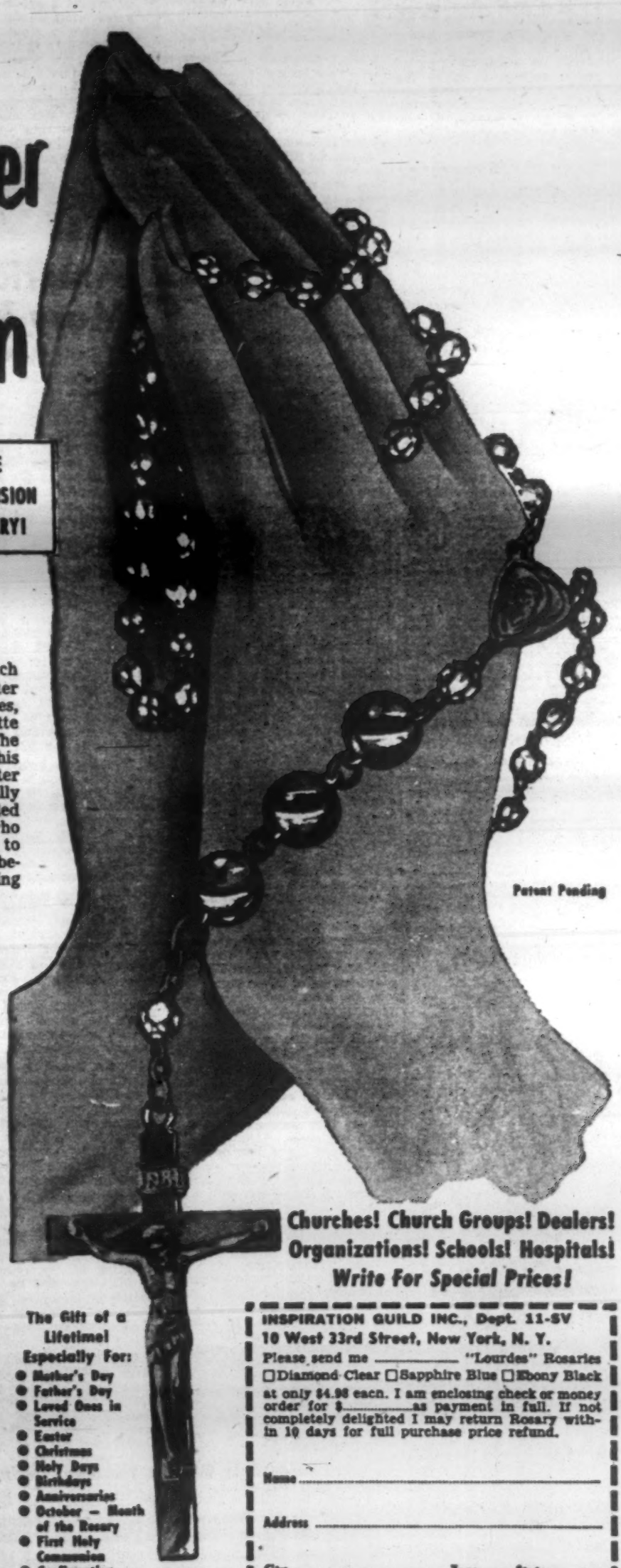

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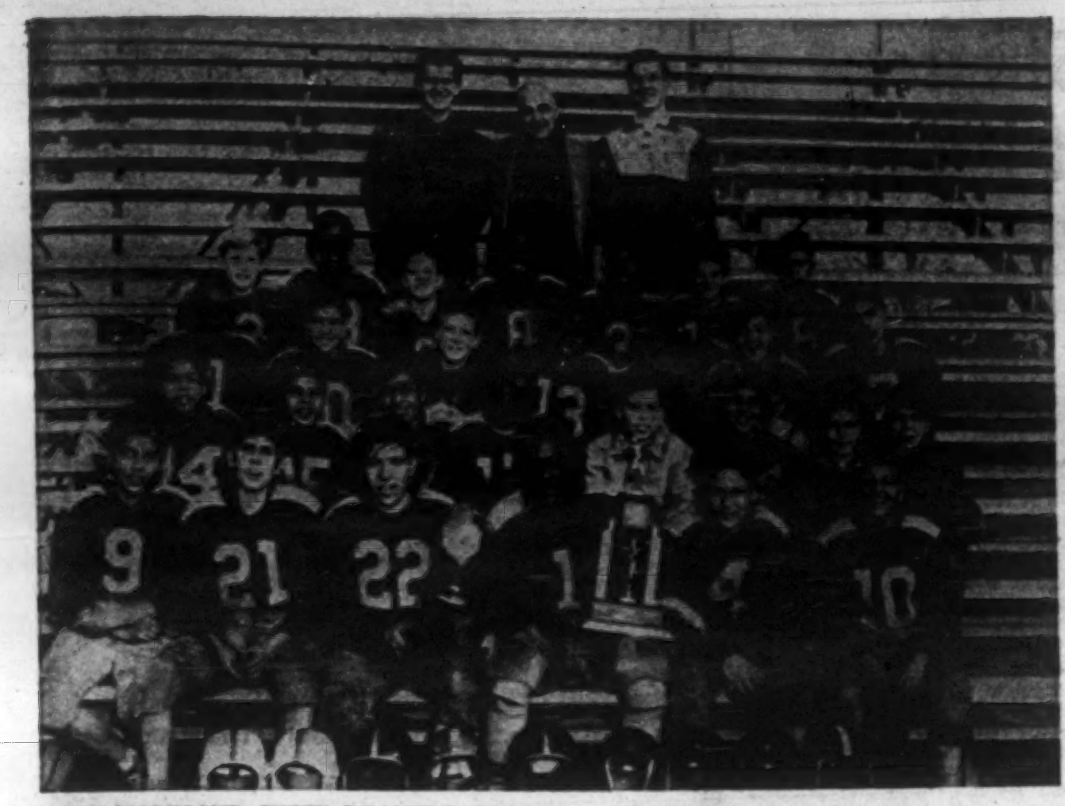

GARY-HAMMOND INTER-DEANERY CHAMPS — The pictured smiles are supported by members of Gary's St. Anthony C.Y.O. grade school football team, city league champion and winner of the Gary-Hammond inter-deanery playoff. St. Anthony won the Gary title with a 4-0-1 record and then climaxed the season with a 13-0 victory over St. Stanislaus of East Chicago, the Hammond league champion.

First row (left to right) are: D. Ortega, T. Aguilar, J. Vassalo, W. Smith, T. Grochowski, J. Hobson. Second row: J. Mitchell, B. Gutierrez, R. Alvarado, T. Lasemby, J. Kasarda, J. Vassallo, E. Bonta, A. Pulito. Third row: N. Boner, S. Leto, L. Mriscin, S. Graham, B. Williams, D. Hollingsworth, V. Valdivia. Fourth row: S. Habrych, A. Taylor, R. Tomsic, C. Williams, B. Walton, R. Dudak, A. Pulito. Top row: Assistant coach Robert Onda, Rev. Lawrence T. Grothouse, Pastor of St. Anthony's and Gary C.Y.O. director, and Robert Bonta, head coach.

Irish Try To Get Back No. 1 Rating

By GERARD HEKKER

It's just a little too late to say, "Wait a minute!" The nation's sportswriters and broadcasters submitted their votes immediately after last Saturday's game and now Maryland is the No. 1 team in the Associated Press poll. With just one week of the poll left, it might also be a little too late completely.

The nation's sportswriters and broadcasters will be looking for a strong showing by Notre Dame against Southern California this Saturday. If they get it, the Irish will top the poll for the year and be declared 1953 mythical national champions. This Saturday's contest with Southern California becomes very important.

Last Saturday's 14-14 tie with Iowa will easily be the most talked-about game of the season. It had everything. The Hawkeyes also had everything and they handed it to the Irish with a vengeance.

It just wasn't Notre Dame's day. For 60 minutes of hard football, the Irish tried and all of their best efforts were to no avail. Notre Dame out-played Iowa from a statistical viewpoint but, only in the fading minutes of both halves, could they muster a scoring drive. Yet, it was in those waning seconds that the Irish showed their true national champion calibre.

Coach Frank Leahy has been expecting a day like last Saturday all season long. What hurt most is that it had to come against Iowa. Always playing Notre Dame in their last game, the Hawkeyes are ready to let everything go. You can't be "down" and expect to win the game when the Hawkeyes are on the other side of the line. The Irish were "down," but still had the champion ability to come back to gain the tie. That last quarter, 2-minute touchdown drive was one of the most spectacular marches seen in the Notre Dame Stadium in a long time.

This Saturday, one of the oldest intersectional collegiate football rivalries in the nation will be coming up for its Silver Anniversary. The Irish travel to Los Angeles to meet the University of Southern California for the 25th time.

The series began in 1926, at Los Angeles, with Notre Dame winning the first one, 13-12. The following year, the Irish also got a one-pointer, 7-6.

It has been a close series. One other game was decided by one, three by two points, and one by four points. Two have been ties. Only four of the 24 games have found the two teams more than two touchdowns apart at the finish.

Notre Dame has scored 15 victories, Southern Cal seven. Notre Dame won at home last year, 9-0, when they handed the Rose Bowl champions their first defeat of the season. The last U.S.C. victory was in 1951, the Trojans winning 9-7.

The Irish this Saturday will be out to prove their right to the No. 1 ranking. Playing their last game of the season, the Trojans will have all the tricks ready. It should be another very close game in a very close series. But Notre Dame will be "up" for this one. Prediction: Notre Dame 21, Southern California 14.

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Pumas Open Net Season With Win Over Alumni

Collegeville — The St. Joseph's College cagers opened their 1953-54 basketball season last Saturday night by defeating a stubborn Alumni squad 85-68.

The Alumni broke into the lead early in the first quarter, and by their spirited and aggressive play they were able to control both boards effectively during the early part of the game.

Substituting freely, Coach Dick Scharf's squad soon wore down the ex-Puma stars; and when Marv Hackman hit a long one-hander early in the second quarter, the Puma varsity took a lead they never relinquished during the rest of the game.

Don Merki was high for the Varsity, hitting four from the field and 15 from the free-throw line for a total of 23 points, while his running-mate, Boff, at the other forward post, was second with 15.

The Puma Varsity showed many rough edges which must be smoothed out if they are to become a serious threat in the Indiana Collegiate Conference. But with the first conference game two weeks off, the Pumas expect to have achieved their potential by that time.

Huhn, Lerch On All-City Team; Fete On Dec. 3

Fort Wayne—Two Central Catholic High School gridsters were selected on the All-City team by members of the first Fort Wayne All-City Board.

Tom Huhn was selected as All-City tackle and Ronnie Lerch was selected as All-City halfback.

Two Central Catholic players made the All-City second team. John Ort was selected for one of the ends, and Terry Taylor was selected as one of the tackles.

The Booster Club, in conjunction with the school faculty and student body, will honor the CCHS football team in the school auditorium, Thursday, Dec. 3.

Speaker for the occasion will be Joe Dienhart, assistant athletic director at Purdue University. Phil Ehrman, former CC star and now a member of Purdue's team, is expected to accompany Dienhart to Fort Wayne.

Monogram sweaters and other awards will be presented to the 1953 football team at this meeting. They will be presented by Fordy Anderson, coach, and the officials of the school.

D. Of I. Holds Monthly Business Meeting Dec. 1

Fort Wayne—Our Lady of Victory Circle, Daughters of Isabella, Fort Wayne, Indiana, will hold their regular business meeting on December 1, at the Knights of Columbus hall, at 8:15 p.m.

Mrs. Ira Kunkle is chairman of the bazaar assisted by Mrs. Ruth Dawson. Mrs. Carl Schoch, will be in charge of the ribbon sale. Mrs. Vincent Tippman, chairman of the bake sale will be assisted by Mrs. Ray Alter and Mrs. Robert Christie. Both bake sale and bazaar will be held after the meeting.

CCHS Loses To Elmhurst 63-50 In Net Opener

Fort Wayne—Stunned by the powerful attack of the Elmhurst Trojans, the Irish opened their 1953-54 basketball season Friday at the Central gym. The season's kickoff proved disastrous as C.C. was humbled by Elmhurst 63-50.

Using successfully a combination of the fast break and the deliberate style of play, the Trojans capitalized on many Irish miscues to pile up the overwhelming victory. Junior Jim Lowe led the Elmhurst attack with 19 points, looking practically invincible at his forward position. Bill Price also was a big help, adding 17 to the final tally. Price cashed in on 11 of 13 free throws during the night.

From the opening whistle it was all Elmhurst as they drew to a quick 7-0 lead. By the end of the first eight minute bracket, the lead was 16-5 and it was 30-16 at half time. During the third period, C. C. put on a slight rally, narrowing the count twice to 12 points, 37-25 and 41-29. Ronnie Huguenard and Gary Janeway were chiefly responsible for this short uprising.

From this point on Elmhurst proceeded to rack up nine straight points and coast to the easy victory. In addition to the great play turned in by Lowe and Price, the Elmhurst center, Wilson, also was in double figures with 13 points. Jim Hall led the Irish with 10 and also played a good game off the boards. Dean Konger ended up with seven while a trio of juniors, Huguenard, Janeway and Dick Michael, had six.

The Irish showed considerable first game nervousness that can be cured only through more game experience. C. C. has this chance when it entertains the Kendallville Komets on the Irish hardwood, Wednesday, November 25.

Although the varsity had a rough time with Elmhurst, C. C. got a portion of the glory back from the reserve game. The little Irish eked out a thrilling 33-39 victory over the Trojan reserves. Elmhurst led the attack in the first half but C.C. put on a third period splurge and held off a final Trojan rally to win.

Paul "Boogie" Minnifield led the Irish with 14 points. Jim Becker followed with 13.

LEAHY OF CAMPION — Frank Leahy, Jr., son of Coach and Mrs. Frank Leahy, Sr., Long Beach, Ind., was selected as quarterback on the LaCrosse All-Diocesan team by the **Register**, official newspaper of the diocese. A two-year varsity letterman, the young Leahy was named most valuable backfield man by his teammates who had a 6-2 record for the season. He was high scorer for the squad, had high averages in passing, punting, and ground gaining. He also lettered in basketball and baseball. Before attending Campion High, Prairie du Chien, Wis., Leahy attended grade and two years of high school at St. Mary's, Michigan City.

Ask Closed Bars On Sunday

Trenton, N.J. — (RNS) — A resolution urging the closing of bars in Mercer County on Sundays was adopted by the Holy Name Federation of the county at a meeting here.

Such action, delegates from 23 of the county's 30 Roman Catholic parishes said, would be "an effective step in the common good and general welfare and toward the prevention of public disorder."

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U.S. Needs Good Public Relations Man

Notre Dame—What this country needs is a good public relations man in the opinion of Mary Pothen, an educator from the newly formed province of Ondhra, India, and a visiting lecturer on the faculty of St. Mary's College, here. Under the sponsorship of the Fullbright Exchange Travel Grant for professors, Miss Pothen arrived in the United States September 9, and is now teaching social studies, geography and the development of western civilization at St. Mary's.

"The American press, movies and literature available to the common man in India do not give a correct picture of the strength and morality of America," says Miss Pothen. She contends most of the media used in disseminating knowledge of America abroad is too flippant and too sensationalized.

Dressed in her native Indian sari, Miss Pothen enters her classroom each day to do battle with false pictures, uncharitable stereotypes and plain untruths. The dilemma of modern civilization, that of having the ability to split atoms and the inability to do anything but split human relations, can be solved, Miss Pothen feels, through a proper approach to the teaching of social studies by which school administrators, teachers and pupils realize the need for better and more extensive geography in the schools.

"The responsibility for building satisfactory world relationships rests on a widespread knowledge of humanized global geography," Miss Pothen stated. She is startled to find the poor and inaccurate knowledge of the American student regarding the human geography of the United States and other countries, and that of the world as a whole, particularly when the United States is occupying a position of world leadership.

Her plans for the future include a visit at the Teachers Training College of Columbia University. Miss Pothen also plans to see how social studies is taught in South Bend, as well as in the school rooms of other cities, before returning to the Teacher's Training College for Women, Guntar, India, where she is vice-principal.

SYMPATHETIC GEOGRAPHY — Mary Pothen, left, visiting lecturer from India, imparts some of her "sympathetic geography" to students at St. Mary's College, where she is teaching social studies. Listening to first-hand reports on life in India are sophomores Kathleen Brennan, center, South Bend, and Maureen Musset, South Orange, N.J.

St. Francis College Observes Opening Of The Marian Year

Fort Wayne—The faculty and students of St. Francis College, here, will observe the opening of the Marian Year with an evening Mass at 7:30 p.m., December 8. The Rev. Florence Hoste, O.F.M., college chaplain, will be celebrant.

The speaker for the program which follows the Mass will be the Rev. James Conroy, associate editor of **Our Sunday Visitor** and national director of the Fighting 69th. Father Conroy will speak on the "Marian Year, the Catholic College Student and the Fighting 69th."

A program will be presented by the college's music department. Selections include "Tota Pulchra Es" by Perosi; and "Our Lady Sings" by Boynich. All in attendance will alternate with the chorus in the singing of the "Magnificat."

Marilyn Huhn will present a paper entitled "The Immaculate Conception."

Guests for the evening will be Catholic students who attend Indiana Technical College, here.

Alumnae Open House

Fort Wayne—An open house for all graduates of the St. Augustine Academy was held at the Sisters of Providence Convent last Sunday afternoon at 1140 Clinton Street. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Dapp, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, was celebrant at the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Sisters' chapel at 3:30 p.m.

University Status Is Bestowed On Villanova

Villanova, Pa. —(NC)— It's Villanova University now. A final decree signed by the judges of the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas authorized the change of title of the 112-year-old Villanova College.

The ceremonies of signing and recording the decree were attended by Father Joseph M. Dougherty, O.S.A., Prior Provincial of the St. Thomas of Villanova Province of the Augustinian Fathers, and Father Francis X. N. McGuire, O.S.A., university president.

The decree permitting the change of title resulted from passage by the State Legislature last August of a bill elevating the college to university status.

Villanova was founded in 1842 as the first institution of higher learning conducted by the Augustinians in the United States. The university traces its lineage from old St. Augustine's Church, founded in Philadelphia in 1795, and from St. Augustine's Academy, opened in 1811. From these bases, the Augustinians expanded sufficiently to purchase the present site for the university.

College And School News

Open House For St. Joe Dairy Barn; N.D. Debate Team Wins Purdue Meet

The new dairy barn and processing plant on the farm at St. Joseph's College, which was put into use November 16, will be open for public inspection on Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6.

The dairy plant is located west of the St. Joseph's College campus, which is about a mile and a half south of Rensselaer, Ind., on state highway 53. The hours of the "open house" will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Complete with loafing shed and milking parlor set-up, pipeline milking system, pasteurizing unit and plate cooler, the plant was built with the close cooperation of the engineers and dairy specialists at Purdue University. Designed and constructed for economy as well as permanence and efficiency, the plant utilizes the most-up-to-date ideas in dairy procedures.

The Notre Dame Debating team launched the 1953-54 season successfully by winning the 6th annual Purdue University Invitational Tournament over last weekend. Indiana University placed second and the U.S. Military Academy was third. Fourteen major colleges and universities from coast to coast competed. William Hank, a member of the N.D. team, received the Wachtel Achievement Award for superior debating. Other members of the Notre Dame team were Charles Doherty and Gerry Meyer of Pittsburgh, Pa. and William Fagan, Newark, N. J.

Representatives from eight Catholic Colleges of this area met at St. Francis College Sunday afternoon at the fall meeting of the Fort Wayne Regional Council of the National Federation of Catholic College Students.

The president, Harold W. Hadlock of the University of Notre Dame presided at the meeting. Other officers of the Fort Wayne Region are: vice-president, Jane Michael of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, treasurer, Pat Cutter of St. Mary's of Notre Dame. Barbara Richter of St. Francis College was elected to the position of secretary.

Susan Steigmeyer and Agnes Hart, delegates from St. Francis, were in charge of arrangements for this meeting.

The friars at St. Felix Friary, Huntington, observed the fiftieth anniversary of Pope Pius X's issuing of his Motu Proprio on Sacred Music by presenting a play about Pius X. The play is entitled: "All Things in Christ." The author of the play is Sister M. Peverello, O.S.F., instructor at Madonna High School, Aurora, Ill. Frater Martin Pable will take the role of Pius X. A speaking chorus and glee club of twelve voices will take the important role of creating atmosphere and uniting scenes.

Mrs. Louisa Jenkins, the distinguished modern artist who designed and set the famous mosaic Stations of the Cross at Mt. Angel Abbey, St. Benedict, Oregon, addressed students and faculty members of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., last Friday afternoon.

Considered one of the major works of modern religious art anywhere in America, her fourteen Stations of the Cross are unique in many ways. Their physical splendor are a result of Mrs. Jenkins' complete mastery of an ancient and difficult craft, and her own highly personal style which follows the Byzantine tradition.

James Ryder, airman, second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ryder, Fort Wayne, is serving as a jet supervisor at Langley Field, Va. He was graduated in 1950 and enlisted in the Air Force in March, 1951. A brother, Norbert, is also serving with the Air Force at Fukuoka, Japan.

"Role of Women in Modern Society" was the title of the panel discussion presented by students of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, on last week's broadcast of "Topic of Importance."

Produced by the Notre Dame Broadcasting Service, this 30 minute discussion is carried by radio stations in South Bend, Fort Wayne, and Elkhart, Ind.; Ann Arbor and Michigan City, Mich.; and by Notre Dame's campus station.

NFCCS Meet Held At St. Francis; Seminarians Honor Blessed Pius X

Robert Rauner has been elected president of the Student Council of Fort Wayne C. C. High School. Other officers are Tim Faylor, vice-president; Ronnie Lerch, secretary, and Robert Miles, treasurer. Student representatives on the Council are: Seniors—Tom Allgeier, Jim Kennard, Michael Schlink, Herbert Black and Terry Wetmore. Juniors—Marita Heminger, Rosemary Leavens, James Noll, Carol Romary, Ed Bensman, James Leeward. Sophomores — Larry Michelbrink, Gib Poiry, Ronald Frank, Jack Erb, Thomas Jacquay, Harry Heuhaus, Mary Basczak. Freshmen—William Pelz, Judy Oliver, Rudy Jansen, Sue Parnin, Jack Schafer, Paul Boyce, Jerry Mettler.

Assistant Postmaster

Fort Wayne—Dominic P. Breitenbach, superintendent of finance at Fort Wayne Post Office since 1946, has been promoted to assistant postmaster. A native of Wanatah, he has been in the postal service since 1917. He is a member of St. Jude's Church.

Ft. Wayne Mother

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as they face their problems: rearing children, managing a home, and struggling with the sandy soil for a living.

Of this fascinating book, the Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, Auxiliary to the Bishop of Fort Wayne, has said:

"Mrs. Haffner has written a story of faith and courage—the kind of faith that sees clearly where the path of duty lies and the kind of courage that follows it. When love and marriage take Caroline to a country where almost everything in her surroundings, from the soil to the citizens, conspire against her happiness, she discovers in herself resources of strength that enable her to meet the daily challenge of this new and strange life. While this is primarily her story, it is woven about the lives of her husband and children and neighbors, with the humor and pathos, the drudgery and the dreams, the struggles and triumphs of honest people living out their destiny in a remote and inhospitable land. I am sure that many readers will find here the interest and pleasure that were mine when I saw the novel in manuscript."

Monday-Friday: Factory Worker, Saturday: Schoo's Headmaster

London —(NC)— From Monday to Friday, Stanislaw Gutowski works as a laborer in an arms plant in Nottinghamshire, central England. But on Saturdays, he becomes headmaster of St. Mary's Catholic school at Nottingham.

St. Mary's is just a normal parish school throughout the week. Then on Saturdays it changes its nationality. Here 122 Polish children between the ages of four and 12 gather from all parts of the Nottingham diocese to study the language and life of their country under Polish teachers. During the rest of the week they attend local English-speaking schools in the area.

Mr. Gutowski was before Word War II headmaster of a school in Poland with 670 pupils.

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Polish Bishops' Pastoral Stresses Duty To Uphold Christian Heritage

London —(NC)— A pointed reminder to "do everything to prevent the growth of new instruments of torture and death" was contained in an All Saints' Day pastoral issued by the Polish hierarchy.

Use Restraint

The pastoral, which was read in all churches, refrained from any direct reference to the banishment of Poland's Primate, His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, and several Bishops. However, those knowing the mind of Polish Catholics are convinced that they applied the following counsel of their Bishops to the present situation:

"One must disclose those forces which have become the source of evil. One must develop those powers which have made it possible to retain the vitality of the nation."

The Bishops' pastoral, the full text of which has now become available here, reminded that "our Catholic Church, carrying out its religious mission in Poland, is indissolubly linked with the country and the nation and wants to accompany it on the road toward building an even better life, ennobling individuals and the community."

Look Toward Future

While hailing the great progress in the physical reconstruction of Poland from the ruins left by the last war, the Bishops also pointed out that "if we add to that a great effort by the nation toward lifting spiritual culture, we will be able to look boldly toward the future and to believe that our generation will fulfill its duty toward God and country.

"We beg God in our prayers to deliver us from disease, from hunger, from fire and from war, which in the twinkling of an eye can destroy the cultural and material achievements of whole generations."

Though carefully phrased, the pastoral again and again reminded of the country's Christian heritage: "Every noble heart and mind loves the past and its traditions . . . from which its own soul has also grown . . . Knowing that he also who is standing at the graves of the dead will one day . . . enter another world, he cannot but contemplate what he will leave behind on this earth and with what merits he will face the judgment of the Almighty."

The Bishops added: "Life passes in individuals, but it is indestructible in the immortal souls, in the future generations; it is indestructible in the nations moulded by the hand of God . . .

"We are filled with the spirit of harmony and reconciliation," the pastoral said. "We turn away from the sowers of disunity and sedition . . . Zealous for the glory of God and the good of souls, we unite this with the solicitude for their temporal interests . . . We are confident that our road is the right road: the road of service to the Church and the nation."

Red Persecution

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and of danger in the new warfare launched against the Church."

The Bishops' statement is entitled "Peter's Chains." Its text follows: :

The heroic constancy of the Martyrs and the unwavering witness of the Confessors have always been pre-eminent among the signs that distinguish and identify the True Church of Jesus Christ. Look where you will in Europe and in Asia, in every land now shrouded in the gloom of communism, and you will see the solid phalanx of Bishops, priests, religious and faithful, our modern Martyrs and Confessors, gathered around the Cross of Christ, the Standard of Salvation—the one steady light which still shines in the general darkness. We in the free countries still speak of a cold war; these men and women are enduring the bitterest, the bloodiest persecution in all history.

Shepherds of the Flock of Christ are hunted down, imprisoned, debased, tortured, slain. Sick and helpless Sisters are dragged from their convents, condemned to the slow death of forced labor on roads, in forests and in mines, or to the quicker death of starvation. Peasants are slaughtered and flung upon the pyres of their burning churches. Innocent children are torn from the arms of their Christian mothers and handed over to atheist debauchers.

World-Wide Struggle

It is a war against all who believe in God and His Christ, against all who dare to claim for man the liberty of the sons of God. It rages from Korea to China and to Indo-China; from Russia to the Baltic lands; from Poland and Lithuania to Yugoslavia; from the Ukraine to Albania; from Czechoslovakia to Hungary, to Rumania and Bulgaria; it rages in the eastern parts of Austria and Germany. And everywhere the Church of God, her sacred ministers and her faithful children are the first targets of the persecution. Millions of them have already died for the Faith. Who shall count the number of those who are now suffering and marked for death?

This is a war against the True Religion of Jesus Christ. When will men in the free world come to realize that the crisis of today is first of all a crisis of religion, that the communist debaser of man is essentially a hater of God, that his long-range and his short-range purpose is the destruction of Christianity? From Marx to Malenkov, the communist sees Christ as the enemy to be exterminated.

Is it not, then, the strange anomaly of our times that a calculated confusion has been able to hide from so many of our people the primary, the changeless purpose of the enemy? How few there are who understand that the struggle for liberty is a warfare against the fanatical foes of Christ! How few there are who know that millions of Catholics have already died that the rest of us might live!

Here is a story of epic nobility, of unsurpassed human grandeur, of deathless spiritual devotion. Our Martyrs and Confessors are the glory of the age in which we live. One would have thought that the western world would rise as one man to do them reverence, would write their deeds of valor in letters of enduring gold. Instead, indifference, scant notice or silence. Only in the Catholic press will you find the Martyrology which the historians of tomorrow will account the greatest glory of today.

Who can now recall the chroniclers of Nero's day? But the names of Peter and of Paul have endured throughout the centuries; above their tombs rise the noblest temples of Christendom, and pilgrims come in multitudes unnumbered to remember and to pray.

Nor can history be kind to those men of state who retreated to the refuge of a polite neutralism while the crucial battle of our times was being fought.

History can record only in reprobation that while Nero raged in the East against the true Church of Christ, the Voltaires of the West raised their olden cry "Ecrasez l'Infame" and sought to crush these valiant fighters for God and human freedom. Genuine philosophy must list Nero and Voltaire as allies. History will register the fact of that alliance in the Warsaw manoeuvre which would cut off from help the champions of the authentic liberties.

And what shall we say of those ungenerous men, who in the crisis of our times have been found so sadly wanting—those narrow sectarians who allowed their petty or their imagined grievances to obscure the true greatness of our blessed Martyrs and Confessors? We shall leave them to God and to the worm of conscience, as we pray "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

A Solemn Duty

The Catholic Bishops of the United States of America, gathered together in their annual assembly at Washington, proclaim to all their faithful priests and people the solemn duty of instant and constant prayer for our suffering brethren of the Church of Silence. When Peter was in prison, the Church prayed without ceasing for him, and the Angel of the Lord touched him and the chains fell off from his hands. Peter is again in chains.

Let there then be supplication to God and penance that His grace be poured out in superabundant measure to strengthen those who hold the place of honor and of danger in the new warfare launched against the Church. Let us all cherish in our hearts the epic story of our own Martyrs and Confessors. Let us tell this story to our children that they may learn the names of Stepinac and Mindszenty and Wyszynski, of Beran, of Cule, of Ford and of Byrne, along with the heroes of the Faith in ages past; that they may understand how great it is to be a Catholic.

"But in all these things we overcome because of Him that hath loved us."

Indeed your Faith is the victory which overcometh the world. By your stripes will the modern world be healed.

Peter's Successor Who is Pius spoke the deepest sentiments of our own hearts when He said to you: "We embrace you with a special love and we kneel to kiss your chains."

Fort Wayne Couple Mark Golden Wedding

Fort Wayne — Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Magers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass at 8 a. m. Wednesday at St. Joseph's church.

The couple was married Nov. 25, 1903 in St. Patrick's church. They have five children, Mrs. Ray Eley, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Richard Maxwell, Mrs. Devere Diwrim, Mrs. James Byanski and Frank Magers, all of Fort Wayne. They have 10 grandchildren.

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